



# Holmes County School Board

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## Frequently Asked Questions About Controlled Open Enrollment:

- **If my child is already enrolled in a school that is outside the zone that we reside in will they be able to continue attending that school?**

Yes, the current enrollment numbers at each of our schools were used as part of the calculation of school capacity. You will need to complete a Reassignment Application annually so that your child can continue to attend the school that is outside the zone in which you reside.

- **How will Holmes School District determine available seats for out-of-county transfers?**

If there are seats available at the school after students from our district have been placed, then out-of-county students will be enrolled if they meet the requirements.

- **Will I have to complete a Reassignment Application each year?**

Yes, you will need to complete a Reassignment Application, annually, each school year if you reside outside of the school's zoned boundaries. However, once your child is accepted at a school that is out of your zone, they will have a seat at that school until they complete the highest grade level at the school.

- **Will anyone get preferential treatment in placement?**

Yes, preferential treatment must be provided to military dependents; foster care relocations; custody issues or serious illness/death of parent; and students residing in our district.

- **Will siblings be kept together?**

Yes, but each child must have a Reassignment Application completed each year.

- **What if I want to move my child after enrollment?**

Hardship or statutory provisions may affect transfers to schools within our district. These provisions include documented medical, emotional, psychological, and legal reasons: *(continued on page 2)*

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- Availability of day care will not be considered as a basis for hardship beyond the elementary level.
  - Medical hardship must include a physician's statement describing the medical condition of the student and specific medical reasons justifying the request.
  - Legal hardships will only be considered with the submission of legal documentation.
  - Hardship appeals on course availability will not be considered unless the requested program is not available at the zoned school, and the requested school has space available in the core academic classes as well as in the requested program.
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- **Who is responsible for transportation for my child to attend a school that is out of the zone we live in?**

A school district may provide transportation to students. The school districts will provide information on transportation options, such as:

    1. The responsibility of school districts to provide transportation to another public school. Eligible through: The Opportunity Scholarship, The McKay Scholarships, and The Family Empowerment Scholarship)
    2. The availability of funds for transportation.
    3. Any other transportation the school district may provide.
    4. Any transportation options available in the community.
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- **Where can I view a proposed school zone map?**

A map is posted on our website. Copies are also available at the district office and each school.
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- **What types of documentation will be accepted as proof of address?**
    - Driver's license or state-issued ID card of parent/guardian
    - Utility bill showing parent/guardian name and address
    - Pay stub showing parent/guardian name and address