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**Property Transfer Requests
Information on Schools of Choice**

Schools of Choice is an option for parents to send their children to a school district in which they do not reside at no cost. If a school district participates in Schools of Choice, the LESA Board of Education encourages property owners to consider it as an alternative to a property transfer.

The following is a summary of the Schools of Choice option. If you are interested in pursuing this option, you should contact the district to determine the specific procedures and parameters for its Schools of Choice program.

Under Schools of Choice:

1. Local districts can accept nonresident pupils without the approval of the pupil's district of residence.
2. Each year, the school district will publish the grades, school, and special programs, if any, to which nonresident students can apply.
3. If there is a limited number of positions available, no later than the second Friday in August, districts will:
 - a. announce a 15-day period during which non-residents can apply
 - b. within 15 days after the end of the application period, use a random draw system to determine which nonresident applicants will be allowed to enroll.
 - c. maintain a waiting list.
4. If there are unlimited positions available, districts can accept applications until the end of the first week of school. (Check with the local district about the date they end the application process.) You will be notified by the district no later than the end of the first week of school about a child's enrollment.
5. Students will not be refused enrollment based on intellectual, academic, artistic, or other ability, talent, or accomplishment (or lack of).
6. A nonresident student accepted for enrollment in a district through Schools of Choice will be allowed to enroll in the district until the pupil graduates from high school.
7. If you have more than one child, the district will give preference for enrollment to other school-age children residing in the same household.
8. The district is not required to provide transportation. However, it will provide information on available transportation to and from the school.