

Choice Enrollment FAQ's

What is Choice Enrollment?

Choice Enrollment is a Jefferson County Public School District program designed for those students who can benefit from a different educational setting located in an area other than that of their assigned neighborhood school or for non-resident students who may wish to attend a Jefferson County School. The details of the Choice Enrollment program are covered in Jeffco Policy JFBR and District Regulation/Exhibits JFBA-R.

How does Choice Enrollment work?

The Choice Enrollment application process is divided into two “rounds.” The first round runs from January 6-29, 2016. EHS will begin accepting first round applications on January 6. **You may submit your application at any time during first round. There is NO ADVANTAGE to submitting your application earlier than later in the round.** In accordance with Jeffco Policy, EHS will “randomly assign a number to each applicant in each category (i.e. priority listed below) for each grade level.” First round applicants will be notified of their status as soon as possible but no later than February 13. Accepted applicants must confirm their intentions by the deadline indicated in their confirmation letter or forfeit their space. Once confirmation is received, EHS registrar will coordinate with families and schools to ensure enrollment completion, course selection, and a smooth transition. Applicants who are not accepted during first round will be wait-listed in the event that space becomes available. Second round begins February 12, 2016 and ends August 31, 2016. Applications accepted during second round will be considered on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

My child is currently at Evergreen Middle School. Doesn't he automatically get in?

No. An approved application for Choice Enrollment shall be valid for attendance at the school for the remainder of the level that the school serves – elementary, middle or high school. Therefore, the application that was approved at EMS is not valid at EHS. A new application must be submitted in order to attend EHS.

What are our chances of getting in?

It is nearly impossible to say what anyone's chances are as there are multiple factors beyond our control that impact the number of in-district and out-of-district students that we are able to enroll. Those factors include, but are not limited to: the number of students who apply for choice enrollment, the grade of the applicants, the priority of the applicant (see below), the number of students who move into and out of EHS attendance area, and the number of students who select other educational options.

We live right on the border. I thought we could choose which school we want to go to.

Unfortunately, no. Each address in the county has an elementary, middle, and high school associated with it. Please contact our registrar, Tami Danks at 303-982-3048 and she will be happy to assist you in determining your neighborhood school by your address.

If we get in, can my child ride the school bus?

Per Jeffco Policy, transportation is not provided for Choice Enrolled students. You may contact West Area Transportation at 303-982-5215 for additional transportation questions.

All of my other children graduated from Evergreen High School, and my son is extremely gifted and plays football, does that give us priority?

No. Choice Enrollment applicants are selected solely on the following factors:

1. Grade of the applicant
2. Space available
3. Priority of applicant (see question below)

How do you select who gets in?

Per Jefferson County Public Schools directive, applicants are categorized in the following priority:

1. Students who reside in Jefferson County, AND have a sibling who is currently attending and is also projected to be enrolled in the school the following school year.
2. Students who reside in Jefferson County, AND they are the child of a full-time staff member at the school for which enrollment is sought.
3. Students who reside in Jefferson County, AND they are attending an assigned neighborhood school which feeds into the school for which enrollment is sought.
4. Students who reside in Jefferson County.
5. Students who do not reside in Jefferson County, BUT have a sibling who is currently attending and is also projected to be enrolled in the school the following school year.
6. Students who do not reside in Jefferson County, BUT they are a child of a full-time staff member at the school for which enrollment is sought.
7. Students who do not reside in Jefferson County, AND they are attending an assigned neighborhood school which feeds into the school for which enrollment is sought.
8. Students who do not reside in Jefferson County.

I had no idea that I had to do this. We went to your Showcase night, my child participated in Observation day, we went to Eighth Grade Parent Night, and the counselors spoke to my child at his middle school. He has had his heart set on coming to EHS. WHY IS HE NOT ENROLLED!?!???

Unfortunately, none of our informational programs ensure enrollment. We at EHS do our best to ensure that our processes are publicized. There could be any number of reasons that your child is not enrolled. Depending on your particular situation, the enrollment process can be simple or very confusing. Please remain in close contact with EHS Registrar to ensure accurate information for your particular set of circumstances during this time of transition.