



**School District of Indian River County
Public School Choice**

School District of Indian River County Public School Choice Process Overview

Welcome to the School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) Public School Choice Application Process. Under the Public School Choice Option, parents have an opportunity to complete an application requesting their child(ren) attend a school other than their zoned school. Placement is determined in accordance to program capacity and seats available at the desired school of choice, along with maintaining racial balance.

**Families that apply and are approved for Public School Choice
are responsible for transportation to and from the school of choice.**

Students are automatically assigned to their zoned school year-round. Under the Public School Choice Option, parents have an opportunity to complete an application requesting their child(ren) attend a school other than their zoned school throughout the school year.

Get to know your schools

School websites provide information regarding their vision and mission, special programs that are offered at the school, dress code requirements, and staff information. If you are interested in completing an application for your child(ren) to attend a school other than your zoned school, please visit our school websites to obtain educational offerings and educational opportunities at each of our schools. For easy access go to: [District schools](#), prior to completing the application process. To find the school in your zone, by your address, [click here](#).

Application Procedures

School District of Indian River County parents/guardians have the option of requesting that their child(ren) attend a school outside their zoned school by completing the Public School Choice Application.

Out-of-County parents have the option of requesting that their child(ren) attend an SDIRC school. Preference for parent school choice is given for in-county residents, active military, foster care students and to students that have a court ordered change of address, before offering seats to out-of-county residents (Florida Statute 1002.31).

Students residing in the district, including charter school students, may not be displaced by a student from another district seeking enrollment under the Public School Choice Option.

2018-2019 School Year

Elementary (Kindergarten) & Secondary (6th and 9th)

Open enrollment for Public School Choice will be from March 1 through April 15. A computer driven lottery will be conducted for all applicants received during the open enrollment dates. All applicants will receive a letter by April 30 informing them of their placement for the following fall semester. All accepted applicants will have 10 days to enroll at their accepted school. If applicants do not register by the 10th day, their spot will be given to the next applicant on the waiting list.

Elementary (1st – 5th) & Secondary (7th - 8th) (10th – 12th)

Applications can be submitted at any time through out the year and will be placed on the waiting list by the date the application was received. Student Assignment will monitor openings at the schools every first Wednesday of the month. If there are opening, we will call the next student on the waiting list for the seat.

In the event that the school of choice does not have a waiting list, the student(s) is offered a placement in accordance with program capacity, class size and racial balance.

Please adhere to the following steps:

1. Obtain a Public School Choice [Application](#) here or at the Student Assignment Office, at 6500 57th Street Vero Beach, FL.
2. Complete the application and submit to the **Student Assignment Office** by the timeline outlined in this document to participate in the district lottery process. Application submitted after the cut-off dates will be placed on a waiting list or offered a placement in accordance with program capacity, class size and racial balance.

Notification:

Public School Choice notification letters will be issued by the Student Assignment Office after lotteries are conducted. Please note that: **as per Florida Statute 1002.31, preferential treatment is considered for the following cases:**

- Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
- Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
- Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
- Students residing in the school district.

Important Note: A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that school year unless the student meets one of the above criteria. All other FHSAA regulations apply for students that change schools during the school year or sport season.

Approval:

K-12th grade students will be enrolled at their zoned school until notification of approval. Once an approved they may go to their choice school to register for school. The school will determine the start date after the parent has registered.

NO TRANSPORTATION is provided for public school choice families.

Waiting List:

Application that were received for the lottery will receive notification that they are on the waiting list. If an opening occurs, the Student Assignment office will contact the applicant via phone for the placement.

Appeals are not granted when the denial is **due to program capacity, class size, or racial balance.**

Appeal Procedure for Extreme Hardship Cases Only:

Complete the [Appeal Public School Choice Form](#) and return to the Student Assignment Office.

Include supporting documentation demonstrating: For example, extreme medical conditions that cannot be met at current school, or that justify change of school.

Waiting List:

⇒ Students who are not accepted based on space availability will remain on the waiting list by their lotter number and then by date application was received, if received after April 15th.

Waiting List Notification:

When a seat becomes available at the school of choice, the parent/guardian of the student(s) on the waiting list will be notified by phone, based on their number on the waiting list and in accordance with program capacity, class size, and racial balance.

Waiting List Management and Oversight

A systemic oversight procedure will consist of:

- ✓ The Office of Student Assignment will monitor school withdrawal reports for every school (including magnet schools).
- ✓ Parents of students on waiting list will be contacted and given 5 school days to enroll their child(ren) in their school of choice when a seat becomes available, in accordance to program capacity, class size, and racial balance.
- ✓ Notifications of openings will be via phone.

Do you know?

International Baccalaureate

The IB Diploma Program is a two-year program beginning in the junior year. We offer three higher level (HL) courses and five standard level (SL) courses. Which classes students take depend on their strengths, interests, and on a discussion with the IB Guidance Counselor or IB Coordinator.

In addition, students are required to take Theory of Knowledge (ToK); write an independent research essay (the Extended Essay), and complete 150 hours of Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) requirements.

In each class, students have one or more IB required projects, essays, labs, or other assignments. Criteria for these and the deadlines are determined by the IB program, so they cannot be changed.

In addition, students are tested in Math (SL), Social and Cultural Anthropology (SL) and Chemistry (SL) at the end of their junior year. They are tested on their remaining subjects at the end of their senior year.

Secondary Schools

Sebastian River Middle School (6-8) Sebastian River High School (9-12)

Career and Technical Education

Sebastian River High School Opportunities

Automotive
Biotechnology
Culinary Arts
Digital Design
Digital Video Production
Entrepreneurship/Business Ownership
Geospatial/Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technology
Nursing Assistant
Welding

Vero Beach High School Opportunities

Accounting
Automotive
Biotechnology
Building Construction
Business Management/Supervision
Culinary
Drafting & Illustrative Design
Digital Design
Digital Video Production
Nursing Assistant