

GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

# YOU HAVE SCHOOL CHOICE!

	State Law	State Law
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>House Bill 251</b>	<b>Senate Bill 10</b>
<b>How does it work?</b>	Students are eligible to transfer to a school outside their designated attendance zone, as long as the designated school is more than four years old and has permanent classroom space available with consideration of projected enrollment, maximum class size and available teachers.	Eligible special needs students can request a transfer under the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship (GSNS).
<b>What transfer options are available for the 2022-2023 school year?</b>	<p>Any Griffin-Spalding County student can apply for a transfer to:</p> <p><u>Elementary School transfer options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Street</li> <li>Beaverbrook</li> <li>Cowan Road</li> <li>Moore</li> <li>Orrs</li> </ul> <p><u>Middle School transfer options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cowan Road</li> <li>Kennedy Road</li> </ul> <p><u>High School transfer options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None Available</li> </ul>	<p><u>Special needs students</u> may request to transfer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Another public school within Spalding County</li> <li>Another public school district outside of Spalding County</li> <li>One of the three state schools for the blind or deaf</li> <li>A private school authorized to participate in the GSNS Program. Funds received through GSNS Program can only be used to pay for tuition and fees at a private school authorized by the State Board of Education to participate in the program.</li> </ul>
<b>Is bus transportation provided?</b>	<b>Transportation is <u>NOT</u> provided</b>	<b>Transportation is <u>NOT</u> provided</b>
<b>How do I apply?</b>	<p>Fill out a School Choice Transfer Request Form.</p> <p>The request form is available in the Parent Service Center, 234 Taylor Street, Griffin, Georgia.</p> <p>The School Choice Transfer Form is also available on the Griffin-Spalding County School System website, <a href="http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us">www.spalding.k12.ga.us</a>.</p> <p>If the number of transfer requests exceeds the available slots, transfer requests made pursuant to HB 251 will be reviewed and approved, or denied, based on a lottery.</p>	<p>Parents of special needs students are notified via annual meeting and electronically regarding the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program.</p> <p>Parents must contact the GADOE <a href="http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-Scholarship-Program.aspx">http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-Scholarship-Program.aspx</a>; Fill out a School Choice Transfer Request Form or the GSNS Program Form if interested in an internal transfer.</p> <p>The School Transfer Form is available at the Parent Service Center, 234 E. Taylor Street, Griffin, Georgia, on the school system website, <a href="http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us">www.spalding.k12.ga.us</a> and on the Georgia Department of Education website.</p>
<b>What is the deadline?</b>	<b>Completed School Choice Transfer Request Forms must be received in the Student Services Office by 4:00pm on Friday, April 22, 2022</b>	<b>April 22, 2022</b> for public schools transfer requests
<b>Want to know more?</b>	Please visit the school system website at <a href="http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us">www.spalding.k12.ga.us</a> or call Suzanne Foster at 770-229-3710 ext. 10335 Please read GSCS House Bill 251 Questions & Answers located on the Student Services webpage.	Please visit the Georgia Department of Education website at <a href="http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-andPolicy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-Scholarship-Program.aspx">http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-andPolicy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-Scholarship-Program.aspx</a> ; or call Cindy Sharp at 770-229-3710 ext. 10328