

# PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS FOR PARENTS

*Intradistrict Open Enrollment (School Choice) Applications Accepted from 7:30 a.m. on February 1 through 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2012*

## **OPEN ENROLLMENT ACT PARENTAL NOTIFICATION: 2012-2013**

The California Department of Education (CDE) has identified **Greer Elementary School** as an \*Open Enrollment School for the 2011/12 school year. The Open Enrollment Act, which became law in the spring of 2010, requires the CDE to annually create a list of 1,000 schools ranked by their Academic Performance Index (API). A school's API is a number that ranges from 200 to 1000 and is calculated using the results for each school's students on statewide tests. The state has set 800 as the API target for all schools to meet. Schools that fall short of 800 are required to meet annual growth targets until that goal is achieved. Annual API growth targets will vary for each school.

All parents/guardians of students attending a school on the Open Enrollment List have the option to request a transfer of their child to another school in this district or in another California district. The school to which your child transfers must have a higher API than the school your child is leaving. Greer Elementary's API is 780.

The following district elementary schools are available to accept transfers: Lake Canyon (830), Marengo Ranch (827), River Oaks (857) and Valley Oaks (790)

*If you would like to transfer your child to one of the schools listed above, please apply for INTRADISTRICT (SCHOOL CHOICE) OPEN ENROLLMENT.(see below)*

If you would like to transfer your child to a school in another district, you must contact that school district for information regarding their application procedures and timelines. To find a school with a higher API, go to the CDE's website: <http://api.cde.ca.gov/reports>.

*\*For more information about how the Open Enrollment List is created, please visit the CDE's web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/op>*

## **INTRADISTRICT (SCHOOL OF CHOICE) OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2012-2013**

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) is accepting School Choice Applications for the 2012-2013 school year, from **February 1 through February 28, 2012**, from GJUESD students who wish to apply for School Choice at the following elementary schools: Greer, Lake Canyon, Marengo Ranch, River Oaks and Valley Oaks. Please note that the District does not provide transportation for students transferring on School Choice.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Completed School of Choice application must be returned to the GJUESD office at 1018 C Street, Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632 or faxed to 209-744-4553 between 7:30 a.m. on February 1 and 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2012. Late School Choice application will not be considered. School Choice application are available at each school and the district office.  
Or you may print one by [clicking here](#).
2. School Choice applications for students enrolled in special education classes will be reviewed by the Special Education Department for program and space availability at the requested school.

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3. Once enrolled, a student shall not be required to apply for readmission. Upon yearly review of enrollment data, students other than those transferred under the Open Enrollment Act (5CCR 4702) may be subject to displacement due to excessive enrollment.
4. Completing a School Choice application does not guarantee you will receive your requested school. If the number of requests exceeds the available space, acceptance shall be determined by lot (lottery). A waiting list shall be established to indicate the order in which students may be accepted as openings occur.
5. Questions regarding School Choice should be directed to the District Office at 209-744-4553 ext. 308 or 321.

Students applying for School Choice shall be assigned priority for approval as follows:

- A. Students attending a district school on the Open Enrollment List as identified by the CDE, as long as the school to which he/she is transferring has a higher API.
- B. Siblings of students who already attend the desired school due to their attendance area school being on the Open Enrollment List as identified by the CDE.
- C. Students transferring from a Program Improvement School ranked in decile 1 on the API.

## **INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER**

Parents wishing to enroll their student(s) in a public school outside of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District must apply for an Interdistrict Transfer. Forms can be obtained at the Galt Elementary District Office. This option is open to everyone, regardless of the Open Enrollment status of their school.

The Interdistrict Transfer process involves two steps. First, the residence district has the option to approve or deny the transfer request. (In the case of Open Enrollment, the request to transfer out of the district will be approved.) Then, the district to which the student wishes to transfer will either approve or deny the application. Approval by the residence district does not guarantee that the student will be accepted by the requested district. For more information on the Interdistrict Transfer process, please contact the Educational Services Department.

## **PARENT EMPLOYMENT IN LIEU OF RESIDENCY**

Any parent living outside the district but employed in the district wishing to enroll their students(s) in the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District must apply for an Interdistrict Transfer. Please contact the Educational Services Department for more information.