



MSDWT Enrollment Rebalancing FAQ Limited Choice/Nonresident Students/"Grandfathering"

Q. Will the practice of accepting Nonresident students (students living outside of the MSDWT) continue?

A. Yes. During the referendum process, the administration and the School Board made clear that this process would continue. Our District has been and continues to be a District that is desirable to families both inside and outside of attendance boundaries. Nonresident students and families contribute to our diverse student body. Our stakeholders have repeatedly shared a belief that this diversity is a key asset to the MSDWT.

Q. Will the Limited Choice Program continue when the new 2019-2020 attendance boundaries are established?

A. Yes. Because the District accepts Nonresident student applications, we believe that in-district families should also have the opportunity to apply for enrollment in any of our K-5 or 6-8 schools.

Q. What are the criteria used when determining acceptance of Limited Choice and Nonresident applications?

A. Both Limited Choice and Nonresident applications are considered primarily on the basis of capacity. Student enrollment numbers in each grade level in each district elementary and middle school are compared to the District student teacher ratio guidelines.

Applications are considered grade level by grade level based on capacity in each school. Therefore, families may receive approval for one student but be denied Limited Choice or Nonresident status for additional siblings.

All Nonresident applications are considered on an annual basis. Accepted applications are not automatically renewed each year.

The District reviews all Limited Choice applications and placements annually based on the capacity of each grade level on a school-by-school basis.

Q. Will students in 4th grade and 7th grade be able to stay in their current school when new attendance boundaries take effect? A practice sometimes referred to as "Grandfathering."

A. Only families approved for Limited Choice status will be able to attend an elementary school or middle school different from their assigned attendance boundary.