Ann Arbor Public Schools
Space Available In-District Transfer Process FAQs

1. I currently have a 2nd grade student attending on a space available in-district transfer. Next year I will have a kindergarten student. Do I need to apply for my kindergarten student to attend the same school as my 2nd grader?

Yes. Siblings enrolling in kindergarten the following year(s) are also assigned to the same school. However, you must still go through the application process for the younger sibling.

2. Do I need to reapply when my student moves on to middle school or high school?

Yes. Students who have been enrolled under in-district transfers will have the opportunity to remain with their classmates for middle or high school. Parents will be required to apply in the in-district transfer window so that we can keep track of enrollments in our schools.

3. If my student is accepted for a space available in-district transfer, can he/she ride the bus to the requested school?

No. The district will not provide transportation. Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. The ability of the family to transport students to arrive on time and be picked up on time is an important consideration when applying for an in-district transfer. Please consider this carefully. If on-time attendance becomes a concern, your student may need to return to the school in their home attendance area.

4. Is it possible to apply for a space available in-district transfer at a school that is not listed on the application form?

No. Applications will only be accepted for the schools and grade levels that are listed as having space available.

5. If I live outside of the Ann Arbor School District; may I apply for a space available in-district transfer?

No. You must be a resident of the Ann Arbor Public School attendance area to apply for a space available in-district transfer. Non-AAPS students need to wait for a Schools of Choice application period.

6. I am moving over the summer to a new AAPS attendance area. If I would like to continue at my current school, do I need to apply for a space available in-district transfer?

Yes, but only if your current school is listed as having space available.
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7. Why aren’t Ann Arbor Open or Community on the list?

*Ann Arbor Open and Community do not have home attendance areas. Each of these buildings has their own application process. Please visit their websites.*

8. Are the applications processed on a first come, first served basis?

*No. Applications are accepted anytime within the application window timeframe.*

9. What is the process when there is not enough space at the school and grade level I applied for?

*Many of the schools may have limited space at some grade levels. If more applications are received than seats available, a random draw will be held. You are able to include up to four choices on your application.*

10. If my student is accepted for a space available in-district transfer, do I need to reapply the following year?

*No. Families of students who receive a space available in-district transfer are officially assigned to the requested school instead of the school in their home attendance area. If the transfer request is granted, students can stay for all grades offered at that school as long as the following conditions are met: no disciplinary problems, no attendance concerns or transportation issues, and you remain a resident of the Ann Arbor Public Schools District.*

11. What if I change my mind after my student has been accepted on a space available in-district transfer and want to stay at my home school?

*If you change your mind after your student is accepted, your student may return to their home attendance area if it is before the start of the school year. Changes after the school year begins must be reviewed at the district level.*

12. How will I know if my application has been approved?

*Families will be notified of their application status within 2-3 weeks after the application window closes.*