

Meadows Union School District is now accepting District/School of Choice applications for the 2020-21 school year

Application deadline is <u>December 20th, 2019</u>, applications received after this date will not be accepted. Approvals are based on capacity each school year.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Do I need to be released from my district of residence in order to attend a district of choice? No, you do not need a release from your district of residence as long as your application for transfer is received by the district of choice no later than January 1^{st} of the year prior to the school year you wish to attend. Transfer applications postmarked or received after the January 1^{st} date cannot be considered for transfer under the district of choice legislation.

Can I transfer to Meadows Union School after January 1st of a school year? After January 1st, you may apply for a regular inter-district transfer under Education Code 46600, but you must first be released by your district of residence in order to be approved by Meadows Union. Your district of residence can provide you with an inter-district permit request and you would need to bring that approved form to Meadows Union School District for consideration. Typically, most districts will approve these transfers if you work within the boundaries of the requested school district, are employed by the requested school district or have child care arrangements within the boundaries of the school district. Parents have the right to appeal a denial by either the resident district or the incoming district to the County Board of Education.

Can I expect that my child will be able to attend the district of choice year after year? Once approved under the district of choice legislation a student may be automatically renewed year after year until graduation from eighth grade. The district will ask parents to submit an automatic renewal form each December to indicate their interest in returning to Meadows Union for the next school year. This paperwork will help the district to plan for the new year and help the district estimate how many new students we may accept into the district.

Are there limits on the number of students that Meadows Union can accept? Yes, each year the governing board of education will establish a capacity at each grade level and estimate the number of new students that can be accepted as inter-district under the District of Choice. If the number of requests exceed the capacity that has been established then a random, unbiased selection process (a lottery) will be held at a public board meeting as required by the law.