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- Proposed additions are in bold and use a different font.

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
25-2.2 Options and Transfers

Arlington Public Schools (APS) seeks to distribute students evenly among all APS schools and provide stability in individual school enrollments while meeting the educational needs of Arlington’s diverse student population. To achieve this goal, APS provides a blend of neighborhood and option schools.

Neighborhood schools have attendance areas established by the School Board.

- Every student is assigned to a neighborhood school on the basis of the student’s place of residence.
- Every student is guaranteed admission to the elementary and secondary neighborhood schools serving the area in which the student resides.

Option schools recognize that individual students thrive in a variety of educational settings. APS provides:

- equitable access to option schools
- a rational, fair, and transparent process for option school admissions

Option schools are different by level (preschool, elementary, middle, and high) and there is no guarantee that access at one level ensures access to all levels.

This blend of neighborhood and option schools is provided to the extent possible given financial constraints and capacity limits.

Students may apply to transfer to another neighborhood school that has seats or apply for admission to countywide or area schools and programs. Application and transfer forms are available at all APS schools and programs.

Appeals

Decisions made under this policy may be appealed to the Superintendent’s designee, the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services. The appeal shall be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services by the parent/guardian, in writing, and should include the specific reasons and justification for why an exception should be granted. If families are dissatisfied with the answer to their appeal, they may then appeal in writing to the School Board.