

DISTRICT SEVEN SCHOOLS

Jesse Boyd Elementary School
1505 Fernwood Glendale Road
Spartanburg, SC 29307
864.594.4430
boyd.spartanburg7.org
K - 5

Cleveland Academy of Leadership
151 Franklin Street
Spartanburg, SC 29303
864.594.4444
cleveland.spartanburg7.org
4K – 5; 4K apply at school

Drayton Mills Elementary School
1500 Skylyn Drive
Spartanburg, SC 29307
K – 5; closed for choice

Mary H. Wright Elementary School
457 Church Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
864.594.4477
marywright.spartanburg7.org
K - 5

Pine Street Elementary School
500 South Pine Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
864.594.4470
pinestreet.spartanburg7.org
K - 5

Meeting Street Academy
201 E. Broad St., Ste. 110
Spartanburg, SC 29306
864.253.1800
meetingstreetschools.org
closed to choice

E.P. Todd School
150 Old Canaan Road
Spartanburg, SC 29302
864.594.4475
todd.spartanburg7.org
4K – 8
K3 – 5; Montessori

Carver Middle School
467 South Church Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
864.594.4435
carver.spartanburg7.org
6 - 8

McCracken Middle School
300 Webber Road
Spartanburg, SC 29307
864.594.4457
mccracken.spartanburg7.org
6 - 8


Spartanburg High School
500 Dupre Drive
Spartanburg, SC 29307
864.594.4410
shs.spartanburg7.org
9 - 12

Daniel Morgan Technology Center
201 Zion Hill Road
Spartanburg, SC 29307
864.579.2810
www.dmtc.k12.sc.us
Apply at High School

Early Learning Center at Park Hills
301 Crescent Avenue
Spartanburg, SC 29306
864.594.4465
parkhills.spartanburg7.org
3K – 4K; Apply at school

Whitlock Flexible Learning Center
364 Successful Way
Spartanburg, SC 29303
864.594.4482
whitlock.spartanburg7.org
Apply at school

McCarthy Teszler School
175 Burdette Street
Spartanburg, SC 29307
864.596.8491
mtz.spartanburg7.org
Special Qualifications



Spartanburg School
District Seven Office
610 Dupre Drive
Spartanburg, SC 29307
864.594.4400
spartanburg7.org

NOTE:
Only students entering or currently
enrolled in grades Pre-K-7 may
apply for school choice.

School Choice Information

DISTRICT SEVEN MISSION

Inspire and equip our students for meaningful lives of leadership and services as world citizens.

OVERVIEW

Over the last decade, many South Carolina schools have focused on increasing choice within the public school system. In Spartanburg School District Seven, School Choice is an option offered by the Board of Trustees that allows families to apply to attend a school other than their residentially assigned school

PHILOSOPHY.

The structure for assigning students to schools in Spartanburg School District Seven is based on the attendance zone where the parent/guardians reside, Spartanburg School District Seven is committed to:

- Provide each student with equal opportunities for a quality education.
- Ensuring that the best interests of students, individually and collectively, remain a top priority at all levels of decision making.
- Maintaining, whenever possible, the neighborhood school concept.
- Increasing the options for parental and student choice through the expansion of policies and programs.

Therefore, the Spartanburg County School Seven Board Trustees are offering parents and students the opportunity to apply to attend a school other than their residentially assigned school via School Choice.

APPLICATION PROCESS / SCHOOL CHOICE CRITERIA

Parents must consider the following when completing an application for School Choice:

- **Parents who exercise School Choice must provide transportation for their children to and from school. Prompt drop off and pick up of students each day is required.**
- Class size standards as determined by the Board of Trustees, will be used to determine availability of space. Schools at full capacity as determined by official enrollment numbers are closed for choice. Schools which have limited spaces only in certain grades and/or programs will be noted.
- Once choice is granted, students must remain at the choice school through the entire school year, after which time parents may apply for another choice school.
- Parents may prioritize up to 2 choice options. Students not granted their first choice may be offered their second choice, although all criteria will be used in reviewing applications.
- Applications will be reviewed using the School Choice criteria and priorities for School Choice.
- If applying for School Choice at the middle school level, please be aware of the rules of the South Carolina High School League which determine eligibility for interscholastic athletics and activities for middle and high school students. The principal and athletic director at each middle school should be consulted.
 - The South Carolina High School League rules are available at each middle school and on the Spartanburg School District Seven website, spartanburg7.org.
 - Arising 8th grade students who accept a choice option may lose one year of athletic eligibility. For more details, please contact the school principal or athletic director.
- All School Choice applications will be considered, however, there is no guarantee that a choice request will be fulfilled in every case.



APPLICATION TIMELINE

The following timeline will be used for the School Choice application process:

- The School Choice application process begins each January and will remain open until March (only application from individuals moving into the district and with special circumstances after March will be accepted).
- The application will be available online on the district website. www.Spartanburg7.org.
- Parents will be notified via email of the status of their School Choice by the April 13, 2018 deadline or as soon as possible for application received after March 2, 2018.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION REVIEW

School Choice applications will be reviewed by a District Committee using the following criteria:

- The availability of class space in the school of choice.
- The availability of appropriate programs/courses offered at the school of choice.
- A review of the student's disciplinary record.
 - Applications of students who have received a suspension (ISS or OSS) during the application year will be carefully reviewed before School Choice is granted. It should be noted that disciplinary issues that arise between application notification that School Choice may jeopardize placement.
- A review of principal Input will be considered before making final choice decisions.

(Nothing in these criteria precludes transfer by the Superintendent.)

PRIORITIES FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

School Choice applications will be prioritized using the following criteria:

- Children who reside in Spartanburg School District Seven will have first priority.
- Families with more than one school-age child will be given special consideration in order to keep siblings together in one school.
- Children of full-time staff members of Spartanburg School District 7 will receive the next priority.
- Children who reside in a school district other than Spartanburg School District 7 will receive the final priority. All tuition guidelines will apply.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is School Choice?

The general procedure used by Spartanburg School District Seven for registering students who reside in Spartanburg Seven is to assign students to schools according to their residential address. School Choice is an option offered by the Spartanburg County School District 7 Board of Trustees that allows families to apply to attend a school other than their residentially zoned school.

Who is eligible to apply?

To apply for School Choice, a family must reside in Spartanburg School District 7. Students currently enrolled in kindergarten through 7th grade may apply for School Choice. In addition, students who will begin kindergarten in the upcoming year may apply.

Out-of-district families may apply, subject to guidelines available at the Spartanburg School District 7 Administration Building.

When can we apply?

Application forms will be available on the Spartanburg School District 7 website beginning in January. Applications are accepted at the District 7 Administration Building through March. Please visit the District website for application deadline. (Applications from individuals moving into the District after March will be accepted).

How will applicants be selected?

The School Choice applications will be reviewed by a District Choice Committee using the following criteria:

- The availability of class space in the school of choice.
- The availability of appropriate programs/courses offered at the school of choice.
- A review of the student's disciplinary record
 - Applications of students who have received a suspension (ISS or OSS) during the application year will be carefully reviewed before School Choice is granted. It should be noted that disciplinary issues that arise between notification that School Choice is granted and enrollment in the school of choice could result in revocation of the School Choice placement.
- The review of the student's attendance record.
 - Students with 6 or more unexcused tardies or unlawful absences may not be granted School Choice. It should be noted attendance issues that arise between notification that School Choice is granted and enrollment in the school of choice result in revocation of the School Choice placement.

- A review of principal input will be considered before making final choice decisions.

(Nothing in these criteria precludes transfer by the superintendent.)

If more students apply for School Choice at a school than space will allow, how will applicants be selected?

Students will be selected from the pool of qualified applicants received by the District. All qualified applicants will be rank ordered by the order in which applications are received.

Who will provide transportation?

When requesting School Choice, parents must agree to provide transportation for their child to and from school.

Can a student with special needs apply for School Choice?

Students enrolled in special education programs may apply for School Choice, if space is available. Students enrolled in special education programs that are offered only at specific sites will continue to attend those sites.

If our child is granted attendance to a school through Choice, can he or she return to our zoned school after school starts?

Students must remain at the choice school until the end of the school year, at which time they may apply for another choice.

What if we have to move out of the District during the school year?

If a choice student moves out of Spartanburg School District 7, the student's choice status is terminated for the current school year.

What if we move to a different attendance area in Spartanburg 7 during the school year? Do our children have to change schools?

Students may remain at the choice school through the current grade level (elementary K-5 or middle 6-8).

Do we need to reapply for School Choice every year?

Students may remain at the choice school through the current grade level (elementary K-5 or middle 6-8). Students must reapply for School Choice from elementary to middle school. School Choice at the elementary level does not automatically guarantee Choice placement at the middle school level.

If our children are currently approved to attend a school other than the zoned school, will they be allowed to remain in that school?

Students approved to attend a school other than their zoned school may remain at the assigned school through the current grade level (elementary K-5 or middle 6-8).

How do we apply for a sibling to attend a school that is closed to School Choice?

School District 7 has a strong desire to keep families together. If a family has one or more children currently attending a school that is closed to School Choice and would like a sibling to attend that school, they may apply for an exception. Priority will be given for additional siblings, although there is no guarantee the request will be approved.

If a special hardship or extreme exception exists, may we receive special consideration?

The District Choice Committee will review each special hardship request. Every consideration possible will be given to special hardship cases or extreme exceptions. The decision of the District committee is final.

How does School Choice affect participation in interscholastic athletics and school activities?

The rules of the South Carolina High School League determine eligibility for interscholastic athletics and activities for middle and high school students. The South Carolina High School League rules are available at each middle school and on the District 7 website, spartanburg7.org. Before applying for a School Choice option at the middle school level, parents and students should become familiar with these rules. Arising 8th grade students who accept a choice option may lose one year of athletic eligibility. For more details, please contact the school principal or athletic director.

How will families find out about the status of their School Choice request?

Parent will be notified via email of the status of their School Choice request as soon as possible. See timeline.

How can we obtain additional information about School Choice? You can access School Choice information online at spartanburg7.org. If you have additional questions about School Choice please contact the Student Services Office at 864.594.4400.