



School Board of Sarasota County

School Choice Report 2007/2008



OVERVIEW NCLB CHOICE OPTIONS

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CHOICE ACTIVITY ANALYSIS REPORT:

- Choice Website on line
- Published Annual Choice Planning Time Line
- Choice Schools open/closed to Choice as determined by seats available (projections) posted on line
- Choice History published every year
- Controlled Choice Net Effect distributed to stakeholders
- Choice Schools' Gain/Loss by race distributed to stakeholders
- Parent Choice Survey on line
- CWT/AYP Choice to higher performing schools available all year long



Activities (con't)

AYP Choice:

- Required Choice with Transportation for students at Title 1 schools not making Adequate Yearly Progress
- AYP Status Chart prepared
- AYP and SES notification Letters updated every year

Choice Options and Effects:

- Ethnicity, School Diversity Over Time monitored
- Magnet Schools and Programs advertised
- Charter School Impact on Zoned Schools reported

Overview of the NCLB Choice Options

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The School Board of Sarasota County annually identifies NCLB Choice Options at Title 1 Schools as:

- Parent chooses to remain at the districted school
- Parent chooses School within a School option
- Parent selects **Supplemental Education Services** (tutoring)
- Parent selects a higher performing school through **Choice with Transportation**



Public School Options for Parents

- Magnet Programs-1898 students
- Small Learning Communities-8654 students
- Charter Schools-2063 students
- Second Chance Schools-204 students
- Reassignments-2,675 students
- Choice Open Enrollment 2007=653, 2008=692 students



CWT Parent Notification

- Parents are annually notified of AYP and other Choice Options when they are received from the DOE through News release, newspaper articles, radio and TV announcements and reports on Ed. Cable TV.
- Reminder letters go to every AYP School Parent in November of the year preceding the School Choice
- All rising 5th and 8th grade student's parents are sent a letter informing them of the open Choice cycle in Feb.
- Principals of AYP Schools and the Office of Student Assignments send out letters to parents informing them of Options at their current school and other Choice Options.
- Information about Choice is posted on the School Board website and cable TV channel.
- Parents requesting AYP Choice outside of regular Choice windows are placed through "Genenc AYP Choice" or Reassignment to higher performing schools all year long.

Alternative/Specialty/Magnet Programs or Schools

Schools/Programs	Program Type
Pine View School, Booker Middle, Fruitville, Laurel Nokomis, Venice Elementary	Gifted/Gifted Cluster
Bay Haven School of Basics Plus	Magnet
Booker High School for the Visual and Performing Arts	Magnet
Riverview High School	Magnet/IB
Booker Middle School	Specialty/VPA
Philippi Shores Elementary	Specialty/IB
Brookside Middle School	Specialty/IB

Alternative/Specialty/Magnet Programs or Schools (con't)

Schools/Programs	Program Type
North Port High School	Specialty/Academy Programs
Venice High School	Specialty/Academy Programs
Sarasota High School	Specialty/MAST
Sarasota County Technical School	Specialty/Career Technical
Phoenix Academy	Specialty/Credit Retrieval
Second Chance Schools	Second Chance

CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences
2. Suncoast School for Innovative Studies
3. Goodwill Academy
4. Island Village Montessori School (three schools)
5. Sarasota Military Academy
6. Student Leadership Academy
7. Sarasota Suncoast Academy



ENROLLMENT

Approximately 31% of the district's 42,045 students are voluntarily attending a school other than the school to which they are districted.

Year	Level	Applications received	Assigned	Percent
2007	Elem.	326	301	92%
	Middle	187	164	88%
	High	296	154	52%
	Other	34	34	100%
	Total	834	653	77%

Student Trends

- **Magnet Programs**-1,898 students (4.5% of district)
- **Small Learning Communities**- All H.S. Students
- **Charter Schools**-2,036 in 9 schools (5% of district)
- **Second Chance Schools**- 4 Programs for secondary students with severe disciplinary histories or in need of special attention

Trends (con't)

- **Reassignments**- 3500 received this year. 95% are approved. Reassigned students automatically rollover to Choice status if they remain at that school and they are eligible to request bus transportation.
- **Choice Open Enrollment**- An average of 1,000 applications are received each year with varied acceptance rates. About 5,000 students are on a pure open enrollment Choice assignment at any one time, representing 11.8% of the district's enrollment

Enrollment

- In total, there are approximately 29,593 of our total enrollment of 42,026 or 70% students on voluntary, Board-approved assignments to schools other than the ones to which they are districted.



Parental Satisfaction and Concerns

During the **2005-06 and 2006-07** school years, the School Board of Sarasota County piloted a **totally electronic** (Web Based) Parental Choice Survey which was posted on the District Choice Website. Unfortunately, there were **insufficient responses** (less than 1%) to quantify results for reporting. We are working to "drive" parents to the website for a more adequate response.



The Future

The Choice program in Sarasota County Schools will be improved by:

1. More marketing and advertising
2. AYP Choice options for parents and students
3. Additional new school facilities open to Choice
4. More charter school options
5. Use of Teleparent and Connect Ed telephone messaging systems.
6. Work with MIS Dept. to improve Choice/CWT reporting.

