

## School Choice General Information

- A student's zoned school is the school in the boundary area based on the enrolling parent's home address. A student's choice school is the one for which is applied to attend outside of the boundary area .
- Only students wishing to change schools need to apply for School Choice. Completing an application does not guarantee assignment to a Choice School. Students living in or moving into a zone are guaranteed a seat in their zoned school and do not have to apply during the Open Enrollment period.
- Students who are currently attending a school through the Choice Program should not apply if they wish to remain at their Choice School. The choice assignment is good through the highest grade level at the Choice School.
- A principal may recommend the revocation of Choice for any student who fails to comply with all attendance, discipline and punctuality standards.
- Applications for School Choice are considered factoring class size allocation capacity.
- Choice priority is given to district employee dependents, students moving because parent is active-duty military personnel or moving because of foster care placement or court-ordered custody arrangements, placement of siblings within the same school, and students living in the district.
- Students may choose a school only once a year and are expected to complete at least one school year at the Choice School.
- **If applying for 11th or 12th grade, submit a School Transfer (Hardship).**
- **Career Academy selections are a separate process, further details available through ACT at 941-751-6550 x 43006.**
- **Visit Blackburn Elementary, Johnson K8, Buffalo Creek Middle, Southeast High or Palmetto High to apply for the IB or AICE programs. These programs recommend tours and added eligibility requirements.**

## Mission Statement

The School District of Manatee County will educate and develop all students today for their success tomorrow.

## School Board Information

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## Controlled Open Enrollment Dates:

December 1 –  
January 15

- Applications require active Parent Portal account and are submitted online via: [Focus Parent Portal](#)
- Instructions available online at: [manateeschools.net/schoolchoice](http://manateeschools.net/schoolchoice)

## For More Information

### Office of Student Assignment

1400 1st Avenue East

Palmetto, FL 34221

[studentassignment@manateeschools.net](mailto:studentassignment@manateeschools.net)

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Open Enrollment  
School  
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2021 - 2022

## Elementary Clusters

Choice hub transportation is offered to schools within cluster or region.

Clusters and regions subject to change prior to Open Enrollment window.  
**Contact the Office of Student Assignment  
 for final cluster/region assignments November 2020.**

### Elementary Cluster Area One

◆ Blackburn	3904 17 <sup>th</sup> Street E. Palmetto, 34221	723-4800
Harvey	8610 115 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E. Parrish, 34219	803-9340
Mills	7200 69 <sup>th</sup> Street E. Palmetto, 34221	721-2140
Palmetto	1540 10 <sup>th</sup> Street W. Palmetto, 34221	723-4822
Palm View K8	6025 Bayshore Rd. Palmetto, 34221	723-4812
Tillman	1415 29 <sup>th</sup> Street E. Palmetto, 34221	723-4833

### Elementary Cluster Area Two

Bashaw	3515 Morgan Johnson Rd. Bradenton, 34208	741-3307
Braden River	6125 River Club Blvd. Bradenton, 34202	751-7012
McNeal	6325 Lorraine Rd. Bradenton, 34202	751-8165
◇ Myakka City	37205 Manatee Ave. Myakka City, 34251	708-5515
Tara	6950 Linger Lodge Rd. Bradenton, 34203	751-7660
Willis	14705 The Masters Ave. Bradenton, 34202	316-8245

### Elementary Cluster Area Three

◇ Anna Maria	4700 Gulf Drive N. Holmes Beach, 34217	708-5525
Palma Sola	6806 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Bradenton, 34209	741-3179
Sea Breeze	3601 71 <sup>st</sup> Street W. Bradenton, 34209	741-3190
Stewart	7905 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Bradenton, 34209	741-3176

### Elementary Cluster Area Four

Abel	7100 Madonna Place Sarasota, 34243	751-7040
Bayshore	6120 26 <sup>th</sup> Street W. Bradenton, 34207	751-7000
Daughtrey	515 63 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue E. Bradenton, 34203	751-7023
Kinnan	3415 Tallevast Rd. Sarasota, 34243	358-2888
Oneco	5214 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street Ct. E. Bradenton, 34203	751-7018

### Elementary Cluster Area Five

Freedom	9515 State Road 64 E. Bradenton, 34212	708-4990
Gullett	12125 44 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E. Bradenton, 34211	727-2067
Williams	3404 Ft Hamer Rd. Parrish, 34219	776-4040
Witt	200 Rye Road East Bradenton, 34212	741-3628

### Elementary Cluster Area Six

Ballard	912 18 <sup>th</sup> Street W. Bradenton, 34205	708-8400
Rogers Garden	515 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave W. Bradenton, 34205	209-7540
Manatee	1609 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3319
Samoset	3300 19 <sup>th</sup> Street E. Bradenton, 34208	708-6400
◆ Johnson K8	2121 26 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3344

### Elementary Cluster Area Seven

Miller	601 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street W. Bradenton, 34209	741-3300
Moody	5425 38 <sup>th</sup> Avenue W. Bradenton, 34209	741-3170
Prine	3801 Southern Pkwy. Bradenton, 34205	751-7006

◇ No Choice Transportation

◆ IB/AICE Countywide Hub Transportation

## Middle School Regions

Choice hub transportation is offered to schools within cluster or region.

### Middle School Northeast Region

◆ Buffalo Creek	7320 69 <sup>th</sup> Street E. Palmetto, 34221	721-2260
*Haile	9501 State Road 64 E. Bradenton, 34212	714-7240
Palm View K8	6025 Bayshore Rd. Palmetto, 34221	723-4812

### Middle School Southeast Region

Braden River	6215 River Club Blvd. Bradenton, 34202	751-7080
Jain	12205 44 <sup>th</sup> Avenue W. Bradenton, 34211	727-4747
*Nolan	6615 Greenbrook Blvd. Bradenton, 34202	751-8200

### Middle School West Region

◆ Johnson K8	2121 26 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3344
Lee	4000 53 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue W. Bradenton, 34210	727-6500
King	600 75 <sup>th</sup> Street NW. Bradenton, 34209	798-6820
*Sugg	3801 59 <sup>th</sup> Street W. Bradenton, 34209	741-3157

\*Career Academies are available at these sites.

**Career Academy applications and packets are a separate process.**

Details available through ACT (Adult, Career and Technical Education) at 941-751-6550 x 43006

## High Schools

Choice transportation is NOT available at the high school level.

If entering 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> a **HARDSHIP** should be used in lieu of a Choice Application.

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Bayshore	5401 34 <sup>th</sup> Street W. Bradenton, 34210	751-7004
Braden River	6545 State Road 70 E. Bradenton, 34203	751-8230
Lakewood Ranch	5500 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. Bradenton, 34211	727-6100
Manatee	902 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street Court W. Bradenton, 34205	714-7300
Parrish Community	7505 Fort Hamer Rd. Palmetto, 34221	803-9330
◆ Palmetto	1200 17 <sup>th</sup> Street W. Palmetto, 34221	723-4848
◆ Southeast	1200 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3366

## Transportation

### Elementary/ Middle Schools

Hub transportation may be provided to public schools within elementary clusters and middle school regions provided the student lives more than two miles from the choice school. Transportation is not provided for students living in outlying areas which include Anna Maria Island and residents east of State Road 675 or west of Canal Road. **NO** Choice transportation is available to Anna Maria, Myakka, or out of Cluster/Region.

### IB/AICE Programs

Parents selecting an IB or AICE Program will be responsible for transporting the student to and from hub bus stops. Transportation hubs are located throughout the county for these programs.



### High Schools

Choice transportation is not available at the high school level. The International Baccalaureate program at Southeast High School and The Advanced International Certificate of Education program at Palmetto High School are the only high school programs provided transportation hubs.

## Application Details

Open Enrollment School Choice 2021/2022 for grades KG-10<sup>th</sup>

December 1 – January 15

Online Choice Application requires active FOCUS Parent Portal account.

- Parents with an active FOCUS account linked to their applicant already enrolled in a Manatee County School may access the 2021/2022 Choice Application beginning December 1st, 2020 through their FOCUS login.

Click the link below to [login/create](#) a FOCUS Parent Portal account, [reset your FOCUS password](#) or [add a currently enrolled child to existing FOCUS account](#):

[Manateeschools.net/Page/9501](https://www.manateeschools.net/Page/9501)

If applicant has NEVER enrolled in the School District of Manatee County, go to Student Registration on the District website by clicking the link:

<https://www.manateeschools.net/registration>

and selecting: [“Click to enroll \\*NEW\\* K-12 Student for the first time.”](#)

- Choice Application must be submitted by the “Enrolling Parent” per School District of Manatee County Policy.
- For more information contact the Office of Student Assignment: [studentassignment@manateeschools.net](mailto:studentassignment@manateeschools.net)

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## Manatee Virtual School

Manatee Virtual School allows students to learn outside the regular classroom—typically from home—with strong parental support. To qualify, students must live in Manatee County and meet other requirements as described on the Manatee Virtual School Website. There are enrollment windows for full-time enrollment.

Contact: (941) 708-4971 x 42131

## Home Education

Another school choice option is Home Education. Florida Statute 1002.41 requires that parents notify the Superintendent of Schools in writing of an intent to initiate a Home Education Program. The address is:

Office of Student Assignment, 1400 1st Ave E., Palmetto, FL 34221

For more information on home education visit our website at:

[manateeschools.net/homeschool](https://www.manateeschools.net/homeschool)

Contact: [homeschool@manateeschools.net](mailto:homeschool@manateeschools.net) or (941) 708-4971 x 42110

## Charter Schools

\* To attend a charter school you must apply directly to the school.

Imagine Charter at North Manatee	9275 49 <sup>th</sup> Ave E. Palmetto	981-5345
Imagine Charter at Lakewood Ranch	10535 Portal Crossing Bradenton	750-0900
Lincoln Memorial Academy	305 17 <sup>th</sup> St E. Palmetto	721-6840
Manatee Charter School	4550 30 <sup>th</sup> St E. Bradenton	465-4296
Manatee School For The Arts	700 Haben Blvd. Palmetto	721-6800
Manatee School Of Arts & Sciences	3700 32 <sup>nd</sup> St W. Bradenton	755-5012
Oasis Middle Charter	4304 32 <sup>nd</sup> St W. Bradenton	749-1979
Palmetto Charter	1601 17 <sup>th</sup> St W. Palmetto	723-3711
Parrish Charter Academy	8605 Erie Rd. Parrish	545-6380
Rowlett Academy for Arts and Communication	3500 9 <sup>th</sup> St E. Bradenton	708-6100
Rowlett Middle Academy	400 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave W. Bradenton	462-4001
State College of FL Collegiate School	5840 26 <sup>th</sup> St W. Bradenton	752-5494
Team Success Charter	202 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave E. Bradenton	714-7260
Visible Men Academy	921 63 <sup>rd</sup> Ave E. Bradenton	758-7588