

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 zone 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 through the Focus SIS computer software program.
- Choice priority status is verified for district employee dependents, active-duty military, foster care or court-ordered custody arrangements, siblings within the same school, and students living in the district.
- **Career Academy selections are a separate process, further details available through ACT at 941-751-6550 x 43006.**
- Visit [Blackburn Elementary](#), [Samoset 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. **Must submit the Special Program Choice - AICE/IB application.**
- **Parent(s) or guardian(s) that enroll their child(ren) through the Choice program are ineligible for school bus transportation. The parent or guardian must transport their child(ren) to the attending school.**

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 1–31

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

For More Information

Office of Student Assignment

1400 1st Avenue East

Palmetto, FL 34221

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Open Enrollment
School
Choice
2022 - 2023

Elementary Schools

*** New for 2022-23 School Year ***

NO Choice Transportation

Hub transportation only available for Johnson K8 IB Special Program

Abel	7100 Madonna Place Sarasota, 34243	751-7040
Anna Maria	4700 Gulf Drive N. Holmes Beach, 34217	708-5525
Ballard	912 18 th Street W. Bradenton, 34205	708-8400
Bashaw	3515 Morgan Johnson Rd. Bradenton, 34208	741-3307
Bayshore	6120 26 th Street W. Bradenton, 34207	751-7000
◆ Blackburn	3904 17th Street E. Palmetto, 34221	723-4800
Braden River	6125 River Club Blvd. Bradenton, 34202	751-7012
Daughtrey	515 63 rd Avenue E. Bradenton, 34203	751-7023
Freedom	9515 State Road 64 E. Bradenton, 34212	708-4990
Gullett	12125 44 th Avenue E, Bradenton, 34211	727-2067
Harvey	8610 115 th Avenue E. Parrish, 34219	803-9340
◆ Johnson K8 (Hub)	2121 26th Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3344
Kinnan	3415 Tallevast Rd. Sarasota, 34243	358-2888
Manatee	1609 6 th Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3319
McNeal	6325 Lorraine Rd. Bradenton, 34202	751-8165
Miller	601 43 rd Street W. Bradenton, 34209	741-3300
Mills	7200 69 th Street E. Palmetto, 34221	721-2140
Moody	5425 38 th Avenue W. Bradenton, 34209	741-3170
Myakka City	37205 Manatee Ave. Myakka City, 34251	708-5515
Oneco	5214 22 nd Street Ct. E. Bradenton, 34203	751-7018
Palm View K8	6025 Bayshore Rd. Palmetto, 34221	723-4812
Palma Sola	6806 5 th Avenue NW. Bradenton, 34209	741-3179
Palmetto	1540 10 th Street W. Palmetto, 34221	723-4822
Prine	3801 Southern Pkwy. Bradenton, 34205	751-7006
Rogers Garden	515 13 th Ave W. Bradenton, 34205	209-7540
◆ Samoset	3300 19th Street E. Bradenton, 34208	708-6400
Sea Breeze	3601 71 st Street W. Bradenton, 34209	741-3190
Stewart	7905 15 th Avenue NW. Bradenton, 34209	741-3176
Tara	6950 Linger Lodge Rd. Bradenton, 34203	751-7660
Tillman	1415 29 th Street E. Palmetto, 34221	723-4833
Williams	3404 Ft Hamer Rd. Parrish, 34219	776-4040
Willis	14705 The Masters Ave. Bradenton, 34202	316-8245
Witt	200 Rye Road East Bradenton, 34212	741-3628

◆ Special Program Choice - AICE/IB application required

Middle School Regions

*** New for 2022-23 School Year ***
NO Choice Transportation

Hub transportation only available for Johnson K8 IB Special Program

Braden River	6215 River Club Blvd. Bradenton, 34202	751-7080
◆ Buffalo Creek	7320 69th Street E. Palmetto, 34221	721-2260
*Haile	9501 State Road 64 E. Bradenton, 34212	714-7240
Jain	12205 44 th Avenue E, Bradenton, 34211	727-4747
◆ Johnson K8 (Hub)	2121 26th Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3344
King	600 75 th Street NW. Bradenton, 34209	798-6820
Lee	4000 53 rd Avenue W. Bradenton, 34210	727-6500
*Lincoln Memorial	305 17 th St E. Palmetto, 34221	721-6840
*Nolan	6615 Greenbrook Blvd. Bradenton, 34202	751-8200
Palm View K8	6025 Bayshore Rd. Palmetto, 34221	723-4812
*Sugg	3801 59 th 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

◆ Special Program Choice - AICE/IB application required

High Schools

NO Choice Transportation

Hub transportation only available for AICE/ IB Special Programs at Palmetto and Southeast High Schools

Career Academies are available at all high schools

Career Academy applications and packets are a separate process

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

Bayshore	5401 34 th 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 rd Street Court W. Bradenton, 34205	714-7300
Parrish Community	7505 Fort Hamer Rd. Palmetto, 34221	803-9330
◆ Palmetto (AICE Hub)	1200 17th Street W. Palmetto, 34221	723-4848
◆ Southeast (IB Hub)	1200 37th Avenue E. Bradenton, 34208	741-3366

◆ Special Program Choice offered- AICE/IB application required

Transportation

Elementary/ Middle Schools/High Schools

No Choice transportation is available to Choice Assigned Students.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) that elect to enroll their child(ren) through choice assignment will be ineligible for school bus transportation, which will become the responsibility of the parent or guardian to transport their child(ren) to the attending school.

IB/AICE Programs

The AICE/IB School Programs (Johnson K8, Southeast HS and Palmetto HS only), or other programs as approved by the Superintendent are provided hub transportation. Students must live more than two miles away from the choice approved school in order to receive a hub bus assignment.



Hub Stops A HUB stop will be a "centralized" location, preferably a school site to the greatest extent possible, which will be used as the designated bus stop. Pursuant to Florida Administrative Code, parent(s) or guardian(s) will be responsible to arrange transportation to and from HUB stop, and to ensure the safety of their student(s) while traveling to and from the HUB stop, and to supervise their student(s) while waiting for the bus.

Application Details

Open Enrollment School Choice for 2022/2023 school year

December 1 – 31

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 2022/2023 Choice Application beginning December 1st, 2021 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/focus](https://www.manateeschools.net/focus)

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

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