

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 43090.
- Visit Blackburn Elementary, Samoset Elementary, Johnson K8, Buffalo Creek Middle, Bayshore High, 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.

Controlled Open Enrollment Dates

November 27 - December 20

Applications require active Parent Portal account and are submitted online via:

ManateeSchools.net/focus

Instructions available online at:

ManateeSchools.net/schoolchoice

Application Details

Online Choice Application requires an 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 2024/2025 Choice Application beginning November 27 through their FOCUS login.

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.



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November 2023

OPEN ENROLLMENT SCHOOL CHOICE

2024-2025



[ManateeSchools.net](https://ManateeSchools.net/schoolchoice)
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Elementary Schools

No Choice Transportation: Hub transportation only available for Johnson K-8 IB Special Program

Abel	7100 Madonna PL, Sarasota 751-7040
Anna Maria	4700 Gulf Drive N., Holmes Beach 708-5525
Ballard	912 18th Street W., Bradenton 708-8400
Bashaw	515 Morgan Johnson Rd. 741-3307
Bayshore	6120 26th Street W., Bradenton 751-7000
Blackburn♦	3904 17th Street E., Palmetto 723-4800
Braden River	6125 River Club Blvd., Bradenton 751-7012
Daughtrey	515 63rd Avenue E., Bradenton 751-7023
Freedom	9515 State Road 64 E., Bradenton 708-4990
Gullett	12125 44th Avenue E., Bradenton 727-2067
Harvey	8610 115th Avenue E., Parrish 803-9340
Johnson K-8 (Hub)♦	2121 26th Avenue E., Bradenton 741-3344
Kinnan	3415 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota 358-2888
Manatee	1609 6th Avenue E., Bradenton 741-3319
McNeal	6325 Lorraine Rd., Bradenton 751-8165
Miller	601 43rd Street W., Bradenton 741-3300
Mills	7200 69th Street E., Palmetto 721-2140
Moody	5425 38th Avenue W., Bradenton 741-3170
Myakka City	37205 Manatee Ave., Myakka City 708-5515
Oneco	5214 22nd Street Ct. E., Bradenton 751-7018
Palm View K-8	6025 Bayshore Rd., Palmetto 723-4812
Palma Sola	6806 5th Avenue N.W., Bradenton 741-3179
Palmetto	1540 10th Street W., Palmetto 723-4822
Prine	3801 Southern Pkwy., Bradenton 751-7006
Rogers Garden	515 13th Ave W., Bradenton 209-7540
Samoset♦	3300 19th Street E., Bradenton 708-6400
Sea Breeze	3601 71st Street W., Bradenton 741-3190
Stewart	7905 15th Avenue N.W., Bradenton 741-3176
Tara	6950 Linger Lodge Rd., Bradenton 751-7660
Tillman	1415 29th Street E., Palmetto 723-4833
Williams	3404 Ft Hamer Rd., Parrish 776-4040
Willis	14705 The Masters Ave., Bradenton 316-8245
Witt	200 Rye Road E., Bradenton 741-3628

♦ = Special Program Choice - AICE/IB application required
Bold = K-8 School ~~Crossed-Out~~ = At Capacity

Home School

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:

SDMC Home Education
1400 1st Ave E.
Palmetto, FL 34221

For more information:
ManateeSchools.net/homeschool
homeschool@manateeschools.net
209-7968 x 42110

Middle Schools

No Choice Transportation: Hub transportation only available for Johnson K-8 IB Special Program

Braden River	6215 River Club Blvd., Bradenton 751-7080
Buffalo Creek♦	7320 69th Street E., Palmetto 721-2260
Haile*	9501 State Road 64 E., Bradenton 714-7240
Jain	12205 44th Avenue E., Bradenton 727-4747
Johnson K-8 (Hub)♦	2121 26th Avenue E., Bradenton 741-3344
King	600 75th Street N.W., Bradenton 798-6820
Lee	4000 53rd Avenue W., Bradenton 727-6500
Lincoln Memorial*	305 17th St E., Palmetto 721-6840
Nolan*	6615 Greenbrook Blvd., Bradenton 751-8200
Palm View K-8	6025 Bayshore Rd., Palmetto 723-4812
Sugg*	3801 59th Street W., Bradenton 741-3157

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* = Career Academies available. Career Academy applications and packets are a separate process. Details available through Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT) at 751-6550 x 43090.

High Schools

No Choice Transportation: Hub transportation only available for AICE/ IB Special Programs at Palmetto and Southeast High Schools

Bayshore (AICE) ♦	5401 34th Street W., Bradenton 751-7004
Braden River	6545 State Road 70 E., Bradenton 751-8230
Lakewood Ranch	5500 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton 727-6100
Manatee	902 33rd Street Court W., Bradenton 714-7300
Parrish Community	7505 Fort Hamer Rd., Palmetto 803-9330
Palmetto (AICE Hub)♦	1200 17th Street W., Palmetto 723-4848
Southeast (IB Hub)♦	1200 37th Avenue E., Bradenton 741-3366

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All high schools offer career academies. Career Academy applications and packets are a separate process. Details available through Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT) at 751-6550 x 43090.

Manatee Virtual School

Manatee Virtual School allows a student to learn outside the regular classroom, typically from home, with strong parental support. To qualify, the student must live in Manatee County and meet other requirements as described on the Manatee Virtual School website at <https://www.manateeschools.net/eLearning>.

There are enrollment windows for full-time enrollment.
For more information: 708-4971 x 43393

Charter Schools

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

Imagine Charter at N. Manatee	9275 49th Ave E., Palmetto 981-5345
Imagine Charter at LWR	10535 Portal Crossing, Bradenton 750-0900
LWR Prep Academy	5550 White Eagle Blvd., Bradenton 757-8766
Manatee Charter	4550 30th St E., Bradenton 465-4296
Manatee School For The Arts	700 Haben Blvd., Palmetto 721-6800
Manatee School Of Arts & Sci.	3700 32nd St W., Bradenton 755-5012
Oasis Middle Charter	6417 3rd Ave. 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 & Com	3500 9th St E., Bradenton 708-6100
Rowlett Middle Academy	400 30th Ave W., Bradenton 462-4001
State College of FL Collegiate	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
iHOLA! Elementary @ MSA	700 Haben Blvd. Palmetto 842-4652

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.