

# Options for Attendance Area Transitions

Effective June 9, 2016

If you are affected by an attendance area change, use the following questions to determine grandfathering, sibling preference or school transfer options:		Proposed Attendance Area Transition Options
Do you have a current 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th gr. student this year (2016-17)?	If yes →	<p><b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b> Students in grades 10 and up in the fall of 2017 can stay at their high school. The district will provide a transfer bus between Chaska and Chanhasen high schools from 2017-18 through 2019-20.</p> <p><b>MIDDLE SCHOOL:</b> Students can apply to stay in their current middle school for 7th and 8th grade in 2017-18, continuing to 8th grade for 2018-19. The district will provide transportation for these students. Complete a transfer request by Jan. 17, 2017. This application is in the parent/guardian's Campus Portal account.</p>
SIBLINGS: Do you have a current 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th gr. student with a sibling who starts grs. 6 or 9 in 2017-18?	If yes →	Sibling preference will be given so siblings can be with older brothers/sisters. Complete a transfer request by Jan. 17, 2017. Approval depends on space and class size in school/grade requested. If approved, sibling can stay in the school. The high school transfer bus will be provided 2017-18 through 2019-20. Middle school transportation will be provided through 2018-19.
<b>Can you provide transportation to and from school? (See note #2 below.)</b>	If no →	<b>STOP HERE. All options below require families to provide transportation to and from school.</b>
Do you have a current 4th gr. student (who will be in 5th gr. in 2017-18)? (See note #3 below.)	If yes →	Students can apply to stay in their current school for 5th grade. Complete a transfer request by Jan. 17, 2017. Approval depends on space and class size in school/grade requested.
SIBLINGS: Do you have a current 4th gr. student (who will be in 5th gr. in 2017-18) with a sibling: a) in K through gr. 3, b) who starts kindergarten in 2017?	If yes →	Sibling preference will be given so that younger siblings can be with older brothers/sisters. Complete a transfer request by Jan. 17, 2017. Approval depends on space and class size in school/grade requested. If accepted, sibling can stay in the school subsequent years.
Do you want to join your new attendance area school in the fall of 2016, a year before attendance areas officially change? (See note #4 below.)	If yes →	To start at the school on Aug. 29, 2016, complete an "early entrance" application by July 1, 2016. This application is in the parent/guardian's Campus Portal account. Approval depends on space and class size in the school or grade level requested. Club Care registration does not transfer with early entrance.
None of the above circumstances apply to my family. How can my student stay in his/her current school?	If yes →	Complete a transfer request. Approval depends on space and class size in the school/grade you wish to attend. Complete a transfer request by Jan. 17, 2017.

*Notes: 1. K-4 students (2016-17 school year) in the Swiss Mountain/Zumbra Rd. area have a grandfathering option for Bluff Creek Elementary. Families that select this option will be guaranteed a spot to remain at Bluff Creek. Unlike other grandfathering options, district transportation will not be provided. Students who are grandfathered into Bluff Creek would follow the middle school feeder system into Chaska Middle School West.*

*2. Students transferring into a school can ride a bus if they can use an existing bus stop for that school. Routes and bus stops for 2017-18 will be available after Aug. 1, 2017. A transfer request must be approved first to be eligible for this option.*

*3. Chaska Elementary will be repurposed and current students do not have the option to stay.*

*4. The new elementary school in Carver will not be open until 2017.*