

2017-18 Elementary School Transfer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What is Elementary School Transfer and who is allowed to exercise this program? Children entering grades K-8 who live in the municipalities of Fairfield, St. Albans City and St. Albans Town may exercise the program. Our goal is to both provide options for families and to meet the diverse needs that parents and families have for their children. Parents may apply for transfer in any of the elementary schools. Transfers will be limited to 10 throughout the Maple Run Unified School District (MRUSD) and to the amount of space in each building. If there is more interest than spaces available, we will conduct a lottery.

Does this mean that one of our schools will close? No

Will my child be able to attend this same school for all of his/her elementary or middle school years? Your child will be able to attend the same school and continue through the 8th grade.

Will my child be offered transportation to the school of transfer? Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family and will not be provided to students unless a bus to the sending school is available. Parents must maintain transportation and regular attendance in the enrolled school.

If we exercise this option and we have younger children, will he/she be able to attend the same school? Younger siblings entering school after a child who has exercised the transfer program may attend the same school as his or her older sibling as long as there is availability.

What do we do if, after a year or two of exercising school transfer, we want to change back to our original school? If the student wishes to return to his/her home school for the next school year, the superintendent must be notified by March 1.

If more children want to exercise school transfer than spaces are available, who gets priority? First priority goes to siblings of those who have already transferred. There is no other priority.

Who will my son/daughter's teacher be? At this point, we have not made teacher assignments for any of our classes. Once we receive all applications, teacher will be assigned based on numbers. We will then send out classroom teacher assignments to elementary families.

What if I miss the deadline for school transfers? We will not be able to honor requests for school transfers after the deadline.

How will I know if my child got their choice of school? We will notify parents by May 1 via mail.

What happens if our family moves into a different town within the district? If a student's family moves to another municipality in the school district, they will have the option of staying at their school of origin or transferring to their new school of residence. This option is automatic and can be done without having to go through the lottery process. Relative to transportation, see #10 of the *Procedures*.

If my PreK student is presently in a school other than our school of residence, can he/she stay there as a Kindergartner? If you are attending Pre-K in a school that is not your school of residence, you can either enroll in K in your school of residence or apply for the transfer program. There is no grandfathering for Pre-K children.

If my K-8 child is already enrolled in a school other than the school of residence in school year 2016-17, can the child stay there through 8th grade? Yes