

APS Transfer Process for 2012-2013 Begins

First applications accepted Feb. 1

[Albuquerque, N.M.] – Families seeking to have their Albuquerque Public Schools students attend a school outside of their home attendance area for the 2012-13 school year may begin submitting requests for a transfer beginning Wednesday, Feb. 1. Parents and guardians can apply for a transfer online at www.aps.edu, the district's website, under the Parents section.

Transfer requests may still be submitted in-person at the APS Student Service Center, 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 100 West. For information, call the Service Center at 855-9050 or 855-9040.

Students who currently have an approved transfer do not need to re-apply unless they are changing schools. Students changing levels from elementary to middle school, or middle to high school are required to complete a new transfer request.

The Service Center first processes transfer applications received between Feb. 1 and March 15. Requests received after March 15 will be processed at a later time. They are accepted under the provisions of the APS Procedural Directive regarding transfers, the New Mexico Open Enrollment Act and the No Child Left Behind federal regulations. Transfers are granted on a space-available basis and in compliance with district, state and federal requirements. APS uses a random lottery system in granting transfer approvals, following prescribed priorities:

1. Students living within the established attendance boundaries for a school;
2. Students who are enrolled at a School In Need Of Improvement (SINOI) school and are applying to attend a non-SINOI school;
3. Students who have previously attended the school; and
4. Other enrollment preferences, including
 - Students with siblings already attending the school requested and who will be attending simultaneously for the upcoming school year. Those students will be placed into the requested school when possible.
 - If space is still available placement will be granted to students who are in one of the following categories: 1) students who have other siblings requesting the same school but none are currently attending the requested school; 2) students who are children of an employee of the school being requested; or 3) students who have at least one parent on active military duty stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base.
 - Those placements are followed by students who have a specific reason such as child care needs, and other reasons.

All other requests with no reason specified are considered as the fifth priority.