



Clay County School District Controlled Open Enrollment Plan

Clay County School District strives to provide parents an opportunity to choose a desired school for their children. In addition to the established attendance zone, Special Pupil Requests due to hardship and career academies, the Clay County School District will provide additional options for school assignment based on Controlled Open Enrollment in accordance with Florida Statute 1002.31. Controlled Open Enrollment (COE) provides parents and legal guardians of children and youth entering grades K-12 the opportunity to seek enrollment in a school other than the zoned school of attendance. Under this statute, parents/legal guardians currently residing in any school district in the State of Florida may select schools from a list identified by the Clay County School District as having available seats based upon published guidelines.

I. Determination of Capacity

During the 2020-2021 school year, a school will be subject to Controlled Open Enrollment when the school's enrollment is less than 85% of permanent Florida Inventory of School House (FISH) capacity. The schools participating in Controlled Open Enrollment will be updated and posted on the School District's website each year.

The following schools have available capacity for the specified number of seats for the 2020-2021 school year.

2020-2021 COE Schools	Available Seats
Elementary - Grades K-6 (excludes VPK)	
Coppergate Elementary	30
Montclair Elementary	64
RideOut Elementary	61
S Bryan Jennings	68
Thunderbolt Elementary	55
Junior High - Grades 7-8	
Lakeside Junior	100
Oakleaf Junior	64
Orange Park Junior	100
Senior High - Grades 9-12	
Clay High	69
Orange Park High	380
Ridgeview High	100
Total number of seats available in the district	
	1,091



II. Application Process and Lottery

The application for Controlled Open Enrollment can be completed online at www.myoneclay.net under the Controlled Open Enrollment page. A paper-based copy of the application can be obtained upon request from the District Office. Submitting an application for Controlled Open Enrollment does not guarantee that the student will be approved to transfer to the requested school. Applications will not be received by the school(s). Instead, applications must be submitted online or sent in the mail to the School District central office.

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Attn: Open Enrollment
900 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Students subject to a current expulsion or suspension will not be permitted to take advantage of the Controlled Open Enrollment choice.

A student who enrolls or transfers under Controlled Open Enrollment may remain at the Controlled Open Enrollment school until the student completes the highest grade level at the school. Once the student has completed the highest grade level of that school, the student must return to their zoned school or apply for another lottery selection through Controlled Open Enrollment.

Once the application window has closed, all student applications will be randomly numbered using a lottery system. Applications will be drawn randomly and available seats will then be assigned to the applicants for that school. The window for submitting an application for Controlled Open Enrollment for Clay County School District is **January 27- February 28, 2020.**

Once notified of a lottery selection of an available seat, the parent/guardian will have ten (10) working days to accept and enroll their student in the specified school. No response will be considered a decline of the selection. If a student happens to receive a lottery selection for more than one school, the parent/guardian must select one and decline the other. If seats re-open due to a declined selection, the student with the next number in the lottery waiting list will be notified and offered the seat. This process will only continue for the first five (5) days of school. After the fifth day of school, the wait list will be discontinued. The lottery selections for 2020-2021 will begin the week of **March 9, 2020.**

III. Siblings and Preferential Placement

The Controlled Open Enrollment Application includes a section for the parent/guardian to indicate if they have submitted an application for other siblings to attend the same school. Placement of siblings within the same school is facilitated whenever feasible during the open enrollment period if appropriate educational services are available for each sibling at the requested school. There is no guarantee that sibling preference will be given.



Priority for school assignment pursuant to Controlled Open Enrollment is given based upon:

- Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders;
- Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone;
- Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent;
- Students residing in the school district.

IV. Transportation

The parent/guardian is responsible for the transportation of a student approved to attend a school of choice through the open enrollment process.

V. Rescinding of Placement

Controlled Open Enrollment placement may be rescinded if:

- Incorrect or false information was provided in the application;
- Attendance, tardiness, or discipline/behavior problems develop at the receiving school;
- Academic Criteria is not met based on the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) requirements of a 2.0 GPA.