



August 11, 2021

*Re: Students with IEP or Section 504 Plans*

Dear Parent,

As your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan, you have the ability to exercise public school or private school choice. Since you are a resident of Oconee County, you are receiving this notification as required by law from Oconee County Schools.

Details on available options are below.

### **Public School Choice Options**

#### *Within Oconee County Schools*

You may choose another school within Oconee County Schools for your child to attend, if the school has space available and program to fit the needs of your child's IEP or Section 504 Plan. If parents choose this option, they are responsible for their child's transportation to and from school.

#### *Outside of Oconee County Schools*

You may choose another school outside of Oconee County Schools for your child to attend, if the school has space available and program to fit the needs of your child's IEP or Section 504 Plan. If parents choose this option, they are responsible for their child's transportation to and from school. Please note that choosing a school outside of Oconee County Schools means that your child will be enrolled in another school system.

#### *State Schools*

If appropriate based on your child's needs, you may choose for them to attend one of the state schools for the deaf and blind operated by the State Board of Education. If parents choose this option, they are responsible for their child's transportation to and from school. Please contact the Georgia Department of Education for more information about transferring your child to a state school. <https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-Scholarship-Program.aspx>

### **Private School Choice Option**

You may request from the Georgia Department of Education a scholarship for your child to enroll in a participating private school. If you are interested in transferring your child to a private school in Georgia, please contact the Georgia Department of Education.

If you have any questions regarding transfers for students with IEPs, please contact the Director of Special Education at 706.769.5130, ext. 1202. If you have any questions regarding transfers for students with Section 504 Plans, please contact the 504 Coordinator 706.769.5130, ext. 1304. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Korngold  
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