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Out-of-Assigned District Placement for 2020-2021

Each year, the Newton Public Schools considers applications for Newton students to transfer to a school outside of their home (assigned) district. Out-of-Assigned district placements are **limited and made on a space available basis**. Newton residents, as well as members of NTA Units A, B, C, D, E, NESAs, and the Custodial Union, may apply for placement of their children in a Newton Public School.

Impact on enrollment, staffing and space availability, for both the requested year and for future years, are key considerations in the application process. Class, team and school sizes will be based upon current projections by the School Department.

Applications for the 2020-2021 can be submitted between **March 1 and May 1, 2020**. Forms are available at the Education Center (100 Walnut Street) and online at www.newton.k12.ma.us. For Newton parents, completed applications must be signed by the in-district principal and submitted to the Education Center.

Applications received after May 1, but before Labor Day may, under special circumstances, be considered for placement after all other placement decisions have been made. Out-of-assigned district decisions will be announced as close to June 1 as possible. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of students approved for out-of-assigned district placement should understand that the course assignment process has begun prior to June and that they may not receive their first choice in course selection. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to and from the out-of-assigned district school.

Once an out-of-assigned district placement is approved, the student will follow the feeder pattern for the new school through middle and high school. The family does not need to request any further out-of-assigned district placements for that child and does retain the right to return to its "home" school at the beginning of a new school year. Similarly, once children of staff and students in the METCO program are placed, the assigned elementary placement becomes their home school, and they will follow that school's feeder pattern.

Interested families may contact the Elementary Education Office (grades K-5) at 617-559-6105 or the Secondary Education Office (grades 6-12) at 617-559-6115 for additional information.

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