SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM APPLICATION 2017-18

In spring of 2013, the legislature changed the public high school choice law (Act 129 of 2012). Students may apply to attend any public high school in the state of Vermont. The Vermont Agency of Education has provided guidelines for determining how many students must be allowed to transfer out, and transfer in to each individual school.

Students who are interested in participating in school choice should complete the request form and return it to the Guidance Counselor on or before March 1st. If more students want to transfer than there are slots available, a fair lottery is held, and students are assigned a numbered place on the list.

At the receiving school, students who have selected that school as their first choice are considered first. If there are more students than there are spaces available, a lottery is held. The step is repeated (for second and third choices) if there are more spaces available after the lottery. Students who are not selected in lotteries, or who apply after March 1st will be placed on a numbered waiting list. Students who apply but are not granted school choice will be put in the lottery for the following school year.

Students will be notified in writing of the results of their application no later than April 1st. Students must make a decision and notify their home school by April 15th in order to secure their spot for the following school year.

Transportation for school choice students is the responsibility of the students’ families.

Students must maintain certain behavioral guidelines to retain their School Choice slot. Students who elect School Choice have the option of returning to Winooski High School, if they so desire, unless they have been expelled from the school they elected to attend. The appropriate time to return would be at the beginning of the next school year.

For a more specific timeline please refer to the AOE School Choice website: http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-School_Choice_Timeline_Memo.pdf

Please contact Tony Settel at 655-3530 or asettel@winooski.k12.vt.us with additional questions.
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The deadline for School Choice is March 1, 2017. A lottery will be conducted to fill available school choice slots for the coming school year the first week of March. Applicants will be informed by their home high school regarding their status by April 1. Applications received after March 1 may be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on slots still available at a high school and individual school choice procedures.

Please note: Only a limited number of school choice slots are available each year. Every school has a different number of slots depending on the size of the school and limits established in congruence with VT

Student Name: _________________________________________ Date of Birth: _______________ Gender ____________________

Student Email Address:_____________________________________________  Student Cell Phone:__________________________

Name of Parents/Guardian:__________________________________ Phone:  ________________(H)  _____________________(C)

Mailing Address:____________________________________________________________________________________________

Parent Email Address:__________________________________________________________________________________________

Name of Parents:  Guardian__________________________________ Phone:  ________________(H)  _____________________(C)

Physical Address (if different from mailing address above):____________________________________________________________

Town/City of Legal Residence: __________________________________________________________________________________

Student’s Current Grade Level: _______________  Current School Attending: ______________________________________

Are you anticipating a change in residency status (will you be moving) at any time during the next school year? _____YES_____NO
Please explain:

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SCHOOL APPLYING TO:

1st Choice:_______________________________________________________________
2nd Choice: (if interested)___________________________________________________
3rd Choice: (if interested)___________________________________________________

REASON: Please indicate why you are interested in school choice. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of school choice it is helpful to know the reasons why students wish to attend other schools.

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SIGNATURES:

We have read and understand the guidelines pertaining to the School Choice Program. We understand that parents and guardians are responsible for the transportation of our student to and from the choice school and that our student must adhere to the academic and behavioral expectations established by the choice school district. Acceptance into a School Choice Program is contingent upon a determination by cooperating schools that a student is in good standing. Any student who has been expelled will not be eligible to return to WHS for the remainder of that school year. If a student wishes to terminate enrollment at the receiving school, he/she may only return to WHS at the beginning of the following school year, provided the family still resides in Winooski.

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Please send this form to the Guidance Counselor of your current home high school.

For Office Use Only

Home School Instructions

- When the School Choice application has been approved by the home school principal, fax a copy to the choice school as soon as possible.
- Cooperating principals make “good standing” determination.
- Once the lottery has been completed, the principal of the student’s home school will notify the family of their selection into the choice program.
- If a student does not make it into the choice program, the family will be notified in writing and will be given his/her ranking from the lottery.
- The principal will notify the choice school of the acceptance or rejection of the choice program.

Choice School Instructions

- Once the application is received and approved by the choice school principal, please fax a copy back to the home school for their records.
- Assure that your district is able to enroll the student in line with regard to “caps” or agreement.
- Contact parent/guardian of applicant to setup enrollment appointment.
- Request records from the home school guidance department.

Initial application was received on:_________________________ Lottery number:_________________________
Faxed to first choice on: ______________________ Accepted: Y/N
Faxed to second choice on: ______________________ Accepted: Y/N
Faxed to third choice on: ______________________ Accepted: Y/N
Number on waitlist:_________________________ @ ____________________________
Family notified of decision on:_____________________
Family confirmed intent to participate on:__________________