

# **School Choice Board Update**

**October 2023**



# School Choice Updates

# School Choice

## Choice Zone Application Data

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Choice Zone Schools

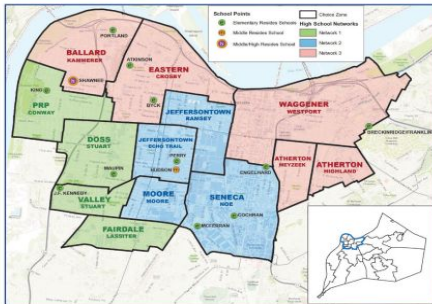
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Students living within the Choice Zone (black outline) can attend a school close to home or a designated school farther away.

**Incoming kindergarten, sixth-, and ninth-grade students; students new to Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS); or students with an address change in the Choice Zone must complete an application to make their close-to-home or far-away school selection. There is no default school. Students can update their selection annually.**

All students may also apply for magnets and transfers.



**Academy @ Shawnee High**

**Academy @ Shawnee Middle**

**Hudson**

#### Network 1

Kennedy, J.F., Elementary  
King Elementary  
Maupin Elementary

#### Network 2

Cochran Elementary  
Engelhard Elementary  
McFerran Preparatory Academy  
Perry Elementary

#### Network 3

Atkinson Academy  
Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary  
Byck Elementary  
Portland Elementary

## Application Data 2023-2024

### Elementary

Close-to-Home	1101
Far-Away	157

### Middle

Close-to-Home	671
Far-Away	186

### High

Close-to-Home	375
Far-Away	511

# School Choice Important Highlights

## Preparing for 2024-2025

- 2024-2025 Application Period:  
**November 6th-December 22nd**
- Comprehensive **School Choice Outreach Strategy**  
-Targeted outreach in the Choice Zone (transition nights at schools, daycares, and community based events)
- Incoming kindergarten, 6th, and 9th grade students living in the Choice Zone **are required** to complete an application and rank school selections inside the Choice Zone or outside of the Choice Zone. Students will **not** be defaulted to their close-to-home or far-away option.

# Magnet Update

# School Choice Magnet Strategic Plan Update



## New/Reimagined Magnet

-Western HS (STEM) **2024-25**

-Next phase: Elementary Visual Performing Arts



# School Choice Magnet Strategic Plan Update

## Magnet 2023-24 Implementation

- **Magnet Schools of America Professional Development**
  - Leading Successful Magnets
  - MSA Certification Cohort and Coaching
- **Magnet Schools of America: Theme Alignment**
  - Continuation: MST, STEAM, STEM
  - New: Traditional Magnet Cohort
- **Diversity Targets and Goals**
  1. Root Cause Analysis
  2. REAP
  3. Individual goals (racial equity & additional diversity area), action steps, timeline, person responsible, and resources needed
  4. Submitted to School Choice and Assistant Superintendent for review and feedback

# Choice Zone Support Updates



## Choice Zone Support



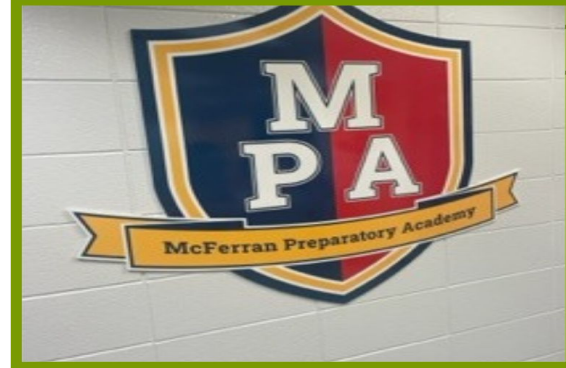
### Facility Updates

- Paint, Rebranding, Logos
- Security Cameras and Badge Readers
- Landscaping and Grounds
- Playgrounds

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# Choice Zone Support



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## Choice Zone Supports

### Additional Funding

- Stipends for administrators, teachers, instructional and clerical staff.
- E3 supplemental funding utilized for student, staff, and family experiences/engagement.

### Coaching & Support

- Retired administrators coach and mentor Choice Zone principals

### Kindergarten Student/Teacher Ratio

- Collaborative teaching model is being implemented in Choice Zone elementary schools to lower the teacher to student ratio.
- Retired teacher KTRS fringe waived by the District. Retired teachers provide support to kindergarten classrooms where needed.

# Choice Zone Support



## Teacher and Staff Recruitment

- Hiring fairs to Choice Zone schools

## Communications and News Stories

- Historical Opening of New West End Schools
- Community Events
- School Programs and Events

## Community Advisory Council & Partnerships

- Community School Initiative is undergoing implementation at McFerran and Shawnee
- School Choice Community Council meets monthly to review updates and data.



# Data Spring 2023

# Choice Zone Data- Spring 2023

<b>Academic and Attendance Spring 2023</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>% on Grade Level Reading (MAP)</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>38.1</b>
<b>% on Grade Level Math (MAP)</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>%Overall Attendance</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>86.3</b>
<b>%Chronically Absent</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>49.4</b>