

# School Choice Plan Implementation Update

June 2023

Moving Forward With Equity



# Choice Zone Schools

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- Dual resides is an option available to students in the Choice Zone. Under this option, students have 2 choices - an elementary, middle, or high school close to home **OR** a corresponding elementary, middle, or high school outside of the Choice Zone
- 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.
- All current Choice Zone students will remain at their school unless there has been a change of address. **There will not be a default selection.**

The Academy @ Shawnee High  
The Academy @ Shawnee Middle  
Dr. J. Blaine Hudson Middle

## Network 1

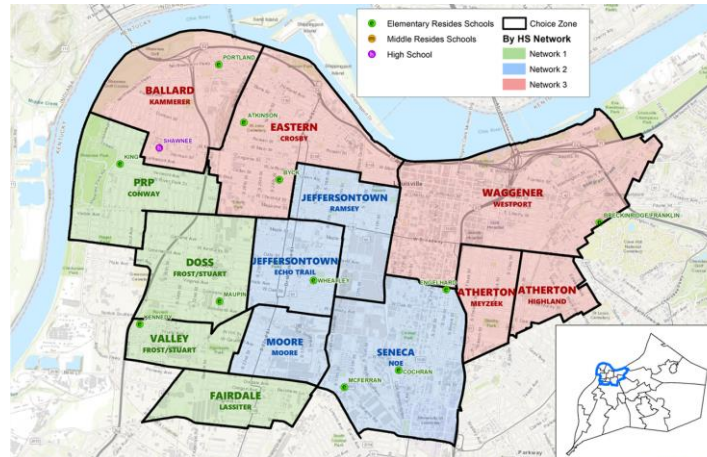
Maupin Elementary  
Kennedy Elementary  
King Elementary

## Network 2

Cochran Elementary  
Engelhard Elementary  
McFerran Elementary  
Perry Elementary

## Network 3

Atkinson Elementary  
Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary  
Byck Elementary  
Portland Elementary

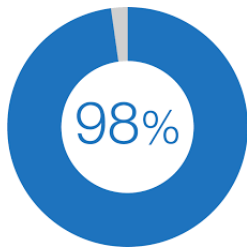


# School Choice Applications

## School Choice Important Highlights

- The new boundaries are in effect for the incoming K, 6, and 9.
- Students will remain at their previous schools unless there was a change of address after August 10, 2022. All efforts were made to provide for consistency in school enrollment for students with a change of address where possible.
- Transfer applications will be prioritized instead of processed solely by timestamp to support requests for siblings separated by boundary changes. Child care and start time change requests will receive priority as well. 4,223 student transfer applications have been submitted as of June 16, 2023.
- All Choice Zone elementary students were granted 1st or 2nd choice in their elementary zone applications.
- Increase in kindergarten applications for the 2023-24 school year.

**Projected Enrollment:** 6887  
**Current Enrollment (June 16th):** 6217



Number of Choice Zone Students with Completed Applications  
as of **6/16/2023**

<b>Kindergarten</b> (Early Childhood) <b>100%</b> Completed Applications	
Choice Zone	365
Outside Choice Zone	60
<b>ECH Total</b>	<b>425</b>

<b>Middle (6th)</b> <b>98%</b> Completed Applications	
Choice Zone*	610
Outside Choice Zone	182
<b>Total</b>	<b>792</b>

<b>High (9th)</b> <b>96%</b> Completed Applications	
Choice Zone	321
Outside Choice Zone	485
<b>Total</b>	<b>806</b>

\*Choice Zone MS options: Hudson Middle School and The Academy @ Shawnee

# Outreach Strategy

# Outreach Plan Important Highlights

## Fall

- 60 plus outreach events held throughout the community during the application period in all school board districts and all Choice Zone elementary schools

## Spring

- Outreach plans created for Western STEM and Coleridge-Taylor as a part of the MSAP grant
- School Choice Office partnered with schools to support Choice Zone students/families at their schools with applications

## Summer

- School Choice Office is reaching out to families who have moved into the Choice Zone to provide application support
- Outreach coordinators have participated in summer community events (ex. Juneteenth Festival, Metro United Way)
- Outreach coordinators currently making plans to partner with back to school events throughout the community

## Fall

- Fall Outreach Plan (schools, community events, etc.)

# Magnet Strategy



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### Moving the work forward

- The middle school MST/STEM/STEAM schools (**Farnsley, Meyzeek, Newburg, Olmsted South, and Grace James**), Western High School, and the **district magnet committee** attended the **2023 Magnet Schools of America Conference**. Attendees were able to participate in valuable school tours and sessions to assist our district as we move forward to better align with MSA national standards and best practices.
- **The Magnet Schools Assistance Program** grant application has been submitted for **Coleridge-Taylor Montessori** and **Western High School (STEM)** to support their redesign process.
- Magnet schools will begin setting **Diversity Targets and Goals** in July. This work will support our efforts to ensure magnet school populations mirror district demographics and that students have equitable access to magnet schools and programs.

# Choice Zone Support Plan

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## **Academics**

- ELA and Math Curriculum (EL and IM)
- Choice Zone Specialists for ELA and Math

## **Communications/Marketing**

- Rebranding and New Signage in all Choice Zone Schools
- Marketing of Choice Zone Hiring Fair
- News Stories of Choice Zone Principals/New Schools

## **Data, Research, and Accountability**

- Choice Zone Baseline Academic and Non-Academic Data to Monitor Progress

## **Facilities**

- Security Camera Installation in all Choice Zone Schools
- Emergency Work Order Priority
- Painting and Building Cosmetic Updates

# Choice Zone Support Plan (Continued)

## **Budget/Finance**

- E3 Funding Yearly Allotment
  - Academy @ Shawnee- \$200,000
  - Hudson Middle School- \$125,000
  - Choice Zone Elementary Schools- \$75,000
- 20:1 Student to Teacher Allocation for SY 23-24
  - Ratio will be reflected in kindergarten classrooms
  - Some schools will use additional funding to lower the student to teacher ratio in classrooms

## **Human Resources/Hiring**

- Choice Zone Hiring Fair (held April 26, 2023)
- Choice Zone Teach Upbeat Baseline Data to Monitor Teacher Perception of School Progress
- Administrator, Teacher, and Staff Incentives

## **Attendance and Application Status**

- *Power School* SMS Alerts
  - Choice Zone Application Status
  - Choice Zone Attendance Alerts

## **School Choice Community Advisory Council**

- District Leaders, School Leaders, Teachers, Families, and Community Members
- First Meeting (May 31, 2023); Next Meeting (July 26, 2023)
- Accountability

# Questions