

## **MRUSD Elementary School Transfer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

**1. *What is Elementary School Transfer and who is allowed to exercise this program?***

Children entering grades K-8 who live in the municipalities of Fairfield, St. Albans City and St. Albans Town may exercise the program. Our goal is to both provide options for families and to meet the diverse needs that parents and families have for their children. Parents may apply for transfer in any of the elementary schools. Transfers will be limited to 10 throughout the Maple Run Unified School District (MRUSD) and to the amount of space in each building. If there is more interest than spaces available, we will conduct a lottery. **Note:** on July 19, 2017, the MRUSD Board approved a motion to expand the Elementary Student Transfer Program to allow children of district employees who live in the district to apply for transfer and it will not count against the quota.

**2. *Will my child be able to attend this same school for all of their elementary or middle school years?***

Your child will be able to attend the same school and continue through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**3. *Will my child be offered transportation to the school of transfer?***

Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family and will not be provided to students unless a bus to the sending school is available. Parents must maintain transportation and regular attendance in the enrolled school.

**4. *If we exercise this option and we have younger children, will he/she be able to attend the same school?***

Younger siblings entering school after a child who has exercised the transfer program may attend the same school as their older sibling as long as there is availability. **Note that the younger siblings must apply when ready to enter school and will be given priority.**

**5. *If we have siblings applying for the transfer, how is that handled?***

When one sibling is selected in the lottery, we are now considering all siblings who have applied to be selected, providing there is room in the grade at the school of choice.

**6. *What do we do if, after a year or two of exercising school transfer, we want to change back to our original school?***

If the student wishes to return to their home school for the next school year, the superintendent must be notified.

**7. *If more children want to exercise school transfer than spaces are available, who gets priority?***

Priority goes to siblings of those who have already transferred and staff.

**8. *Who will my child's teacher be?***

Teacher assignments will be made at the start of the school year. There is no guarantee

that teachers' assignments for transfer students will be made prior to August 1 of the upcoming school year.

**9. *What if I miss the deadline for school transfers?***

We will not be able to honor requests for school transfers after the deadline.

**10. *How will I know if my child got their choice of school?***

We will notify parents of students who are selected in the lottery soon after the May 30 lottery date.

**11. *What happens if our family moves into a different town within the district?***

If a student's family moves to another municipality in the school district, they will have the option of staying at their school of origin or transferring to their new school of residence. This option is automatic and can be done without having to go through the lottery process. Relative to transportation, see #10 of the *Procedures*.

**12. *If my PreK student is presently in a school other than our school of residence, can he/she stay there as a Kindergartner?***

If you are attending Pre-K in a school that is not your school of residence, you can either enroll in K in your school of residence or apply for the transfer program. There is no grandfathering for Pre-K children.

**13. *Are free lunches offered at all elementary schools?***

No. Only St. Albans City School qualifies for free lunches for all students per the National School Lunch Program. Attendance at all other District schools requires going through the free/reduced lunch application process. *The Vermont legislature passed legislation that each school, during the 2022-2023 school year, receive this benefit. Future benefits will be decided through the Vermont legislature.*