

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools *School Choice Policy*

If it is determined that space is available, the *School Choice Policy* allows children the opportunity to move from a school in the Martha's Vineyard Public School System to the Edgartown School. When the number of applicants exceeds the spaces available, a lottery will be held. In this lottery, priority will be given to siblings of those children who have changed their designated school through the lottery system, and currently attend the Edgartown School.

Any student of a school of choice in the Martha's Vineyard Public School System may transfer through the School Choice Lottery. Each year the Principal(s) of the Edgartown School, with the advice of the School Advisory Councils and staff, will determine which classes have available space for the upcoming year. In determining the spaces available to school choice applicants, the administration will take into consideration class size and dynamics.

Once a student has been selected through the School Choice Lottery, the Edgartown School becomes his/her designated school.

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE FOR SCHOOL OF CHOICE:

The maximum number of students for all classes is *eighteen (18) students*. Please speak directly to the Principal's Office in that school.

If class size in any K-8 classes reaches the maximum number of students, there will not be the opportunity for any student from outside the district to transfer to the Edgartown School.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation to and from the Edgartown School will be the responsibility of the student's parents.

PROCEDURES:

1. The Superintendent's Office will place a public notice in the local newspapers by April 1st inviting individuals wishing to participate in the MVPS School Choice Program to submit letters of request. The deadline for these applications will be noon on June 15th.
2. Schools will send those who apply a status letter by July 1st indicating the status of their applications but not actually accepting or rejecting any applications. This will give parents an idea if spaces may be available in their child's grade level, but it will also give the school enrollments an opportunity to firm up.
3. Elementary school principals will meet no later than July 15th to review school choice applications and will notify successful applicants no later than July 30th.
4. Successful applicants will have until August 15th to notify each school if they plan to attend a school of choice.
5. After a student is officially accepted into the school, he/she does not need to re-apply after the first year.
6. If a student moves to another town during the year after the deadline, the parent of the student may write a letter requesting to stay at that school for the remainder of that school year only. If the student wishes to remain the following year, the parent must re-apply to the school and meet the June deadline for the following year.
7. Once the school year has begun, students may apply for school choice transfers until the December vacation, if space is available. After that date, no school choice transfers will be considered.

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