

New Transfer Opportunity for Students in Phase-Out Schools

New This Year

- This year, for the first time, all students who attend schools in the process of phasing out are eligible to apply to transfer to a higher performing school. Previously, this opportunity was only available for students in certain schools identified by New York State.
- This new transfer option will provide students the opportunity to attend a school that may better meet their needs and interests.
- The Department will administer this new transfer process through an enhanced version of our Public School Choice program.

How This Will Work

- Eligible students will receive a customized transfer application by mail in March.
- Every student will see a list of the schools to which he or she can apply, including many schools that have a track record of success.
- When making transfer offers, we prioritize students with the greatest need and lowest scores. This will ensure that those students who have not been well-served by their current phase-out school get the first priority for attending a different school.
- Though we cannot guarantee an offer to every student, we encourage all families to explore whether this opportunity might be right for their child.
- If a student applies for and is granted a transfer, the student begins at the new school on the first day of school in September 2013.
- Families can learn more about this transfer opportunity and the Public School Choice program at information sessions, which will be held throughout the city in the spring, or by calling the number listed below.

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