



# Natchitoches Parish School Board

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2012-2013 Parent Notification – Public School Choice Transfers

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Louisiana School Accountability System calls for continuous improvement in student achievement. There is no mission more critical than providing children access to the best education possible. Natchitoches Parish School District is continuing to address the academic needs of your child's school in an effort to improve the quality of instruction that your child receives. Each school has:

Highly Qualified Staff  
State Comprehensive Curriculum  
Behavioral Instructional/Intervention Strategists  
Tutorial Enrichment

Master Teachers/Literacy Integration Specialists  
School Health Plans  
State Assistance Teams  
Special Needs Assistance

Highly Qualified teachers are the key to improving student achievement. Our staff is engaged in many professional development activities that will focus on research-based instruction and learning strategies, critical thinking skills, and curriculum alignment. These initiatives as well as additional support from Central Office and Louisiana State and Regional Teams will improve the quality of education.

You as the parent can become involved in addressing the "school improvement" issues at your child's school by: attending Parent Teacher Conferences, Family Nights, Curriculum Celebrations, encouraging your child to attend school every day, and becoming a member in your school Parent Teacher Organization.

We believe that these reform efforts along with parental assistance will improve student achievement and ensure your child's future success. Although we are addressing the needs of your child's school, you have the choice to have your child remain at this school or accept the placement based on the district's availability of grade-level seating at a higher performing school.

In making School Choice available, we are required by federal law to give priority to the lowest achieving children from low-income families. School Choice will be given to those children first, and then to all other children requesting *School Choice*. If your child transfers to another school under this program, he or she may remain in the new school until he or she completes the highest grade offered in the new school. Transportation will be provided as long as your child's neighborhood school remains identified as "academically unacceptable."

## EDUCATING EVERYONE TAKES EVERYONE

Sincerely,

Derwood Duke, EdD., Superintendent

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