

# NEWS RELEASE



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## **AYP transfer request process completed**

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) has completed the process of granting AYP choice transfers for students attending schools eligible under the national No Child Left Behind guidelines. Six Gwinnett schools are offering the transfer option this year. These schools are: **Richards MS, Snellville MS, Radloff MS, Sweetwater MS, Berkmar HS, and Meadowcreek HS**. Two of the schools offering choice this year made AYP last year—Radloff MS and Sweetwater MS. These schools will not offer choice in 2009 if they make AYP again this year. The school district anticipates that more schools may make AYP once summer results are factored into AYP.

Letters were sent to the families of students attending these schools, informing them of the transfer option. Those interested in seeking a transfer were asked to choose from a list of schools accepting transfers, placing their choices in priority order. The schools designated as “accepting AYP choice transfers” all made AYP and their buildings were under capacity. The middle schools receiving AYP transfer students are Lilburn MS and Duluth MS. The high school options are Dacula HS and Duluth HS. In an effort to provide parents more information about the choices available to them, the school system hosted AYP information sessions at the “choice” option schools, as well as at the schools offering choice to their students.

The deadline to submit the transfer request form to the local school was August 8. At this time, GCPS has received 165 requests for a transfer. All of the requests have been granted, with every requestor receiving their first choice. Families have been notified that their child may begin attending their new school. (The actual number of transfer requests may be lower as some families have indicated that they have changed their mind and will be staying at their home school.)

Students who transfer must be transported to and from the new school by their parent/guardian. Only parents of students transferring from Title I schools are reimbursed for transportation costs. The school system will reimburse these families the transportation costs of 58.5 cents per mile up to the round trip distance from the student’s home to the new school on a once daily basis.

Last school year, going through this same process, GCPS received student transfer requests from nine schools, with a total of 189 students requesting a transfer. Attached is a chart that summarizes this year’s AYP transfer requests.

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**Summary of AYP Choice Transfer Requests:** Schools not making AYP for two or more years must offer choice and/or supplemental services until they have made AYP for two consecutive years. Two\* of the schools making AYP in 2008 will offer choice for one more year, as they will need to make AYP in 2009 to move off the Needs Improvement list.

\*These schools made AYP in 2008.

<b>Choice Originating School</b>	<b>Choice School Projected Enrollment</b>	<b># of Students Requesting Duluth MS</b>	<b># Requesting Lilburn MS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Enrollment Requesting Choice</b>
Snellville MS	2324	8	3	11	0.5 %
Richards MS	2562	28	1	29	1.1 %
*Radloff MS	1102	6	5	11	0.1 %
*Sweetwater MS	1821	52	7	59	3.2 %
<b>MS Total</b>	<b>7809</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1.4 %</b>
<b>Choice Originating School</b>	<b>Choice School Projected Enrollment</b>	<b># of Students Requesting Dacula HS</b>	<b># of Students Requesting Duluth HS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Enrollment Requesting Choice</b>
Berkmar HS	3093	3	19	22	0.7 %
Meadowcreek HS	2318	3	32	35	1.5 %
<b>HS Total</b>	<b>5411</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1.0 %</b>

*Additional Gwinnett schools are anticipated to make AYP once summer results are factored into AYP. Any changes to AYP status will be communicated once verified by the Georgia Department of Education.*