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HB224 School Transfer Option Based on Space Availability

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The 2017 Georgia General Assembly approved House Bill 224 (HB224) for military service members who live in base housing. HB224 allows active military service members who live on a military base the option to request any school within the school district *based on space availability*. School districts determine available classroom space after all assigned students have been enrolled.

In accordance with the law, the Houston County School District created a process for parents to exercise this school transfer option and a process to determine space availability. Openings are grade specific within schools.

Applications will be accepted July 1, 2021, through August 2, 2021. If a military service member moves to Houston County and lives on Robins Air Force Base, the application must be submitted within 10 school days of registering their child(ren) at Central Registration.

Parents who wish to request a school transfer may print a “2021-2022 Application to Request HB224 Public School Transfer” from the website or pick up a form from any school. Applications will be approved based on the order in which they are received. Families that request a transfer will be notified of approval or denial.

Applications for transfer must be mailed to the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Richard Rogers. The address is: Houston County School District, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Georgia, 31069. **Schools are not accepting these applications.**

Parents who transfer their children under HB224 are required by law to assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of the student to and from school as long as the child remains at that school.

Information regarding HB224 is posted to the Houston County School District website, www.hcbe.net, under the Parents tab and on the Zoning [webpage](#). For more information, contact School Operations at 478-218-7513.

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HB 224 (2021-2022) - Implementation Procedures

1. Parents of Houston County School District students will be notified of HB224 by July 1st of each year.
2. Active military service members who live on Robins Air Force Base may get an “**Application to Request HB224 Public School Transfer**” from their zoned school or may download a copy from www.hcbe.net beginning on July 1st.
3. Applications for transfer must be mailed to the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Richard Rogers, Houston County School District, 1100 Main Street, Perry, GA, 31069.
4. Applications for transfer will be available online on July 1, 2021. Applications will be accepted from July 1, 2021, until August 2, 2021. After the August 2, 2021, deadline, applications will be accepted as a military service member moves on the military base.
5. After the August 2, 2021, deadline, applications must be received within 10 school days of a military service member, who lives on Robins Air Force Base, enrolling his/her child(ren) at Central Registration.
6. In the event the number of transfer requests exceeds the available capacity in the particular school, requests will be approved based on the order in which they were received.
7. Once a request is approved, the parent assumes all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of their child to and from the school so long as the child remains at that assigned school.
8. Once approved at a school, the student may attend for the rest of the grade band (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12).

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