

2007-08 School Choice Openings
Caesar Rodney School District

The State deadline for applying for School Choice for grades 1-12 for the 2007-08 school year is **Wednesday, January 10, 2007**. The completed application must be received by the Caesar Rodney District Office by 4:00 p.m. on January 10, 2007. **For those applying for grades 1-12 after January 10, 2007, an Affidavit of Good Cause must be completed in addition to the application.** The application packet must contain the completed application, a copy of the 1st semester 2006-07 report card, and 2006 DSTP scores. The State deadline for kindergarten is the first day of the next school year.

The Board of Education has authorized the following School Choice openings for the 2007-08 school year:

New School Choice Applicants

New inter-district applicants may apply for grades K-5 for Welch Elementary School. This is the only elementary school that has openings for new School Choice applicants. The only exceptions are staff member exceptions and sibling exceptions as explained below.

New inter-district applicants may apply for grades 6-8 at Air Base Middle School. This is the only middle school that has openings for new School Choice applicants. The only exceptions are staff member exceptions and sibling exceptions.

There are no new openings available in grades 9-12 at Caesar Rodney High School. No new applications for grades 9-12 are being accepted for the 2007-08 school year. The only exceptions are staff member exceptions and sibling exceptions.

Continuing School Choice Applicants (grades 5-6 and 8-9)

Current School Choice students in grades 5 may apply for continuing enrollment in grade 6 for the 2007-08 school year only at Air Base Middle School. This is the only middle school for which currently enrolled grade 5 School Choice students may apply. The only exceptions are staff member exceptions and sibling exceptions.

Current School Choice students in grade 8 may apply for continuing enrollment at Caesar Rodney High School in grade 9 for the 2007-08 school year.

School Choice Criteria

All School Choice applicants and enrollees must meet the following eligibility criteria in order to be considered for School Choice enrollment:

- * Grades-At least a "C" or above in every class or course
- * Attendance-At least a 95% attendance rate. In other words, no more than a total of nine days absence in the twelve months prior to applying. Two tardies equal one absence.
- * Discipline-No more than 2 disciplinary referrals that result in the administration calling parents, or a disciplinary action with greater consequence, i.e. suspension, within the past twelve months prior to applying.
- * DSTP Performance-At least satisfactory ratings on all parts of the latest DSTP test.

Staff Member Exception

CR staff members may apply for School Choice enrollment at any grade level in CR schools. School Choice applicants of CR staff members will be assigned to Welch Elementary, Dover Air Base Middle School, or Caesar Rodney High School unless the parent works at the school being requested. These applicants must meet all applicable eligibility criteria in order to be considered. Students of CR staff members accepted for Welch or Air Base Middle School will be permitted to continue enrollment at Caesar Rodney High School if eligibility criteria is maintained.

Sibling Exception

Siblings of current School Choice intra- and inter-district students may apply for School Choice to the same school where the first sibling is enrolled. These applicants must meet all applicable eligibility criteria in order to be considered.