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Hello Families,

One of the many strengths of the School District of La Crosse is the variety of opportunities and choices offered to families, especially when it comes to school choice; we recognize that one size does not fit all. School enrollment occurs in a variety of ways, for example, every student is guaranteed enrollment in their neighborhood (boundary) school, which is determined by the student's home address. To determine your boundary school, visit [SchoolSearch](#). Families also have the opportunity to request something other than their boundary school through the intradistrict transfer application.

This letter serves two important functions: (1) inform you of the application process and the choices available to you, and (2) to help our district determine staffing in individual schools and throughout our district; **it is for this reason the April 30th deadline identified below is absolutely critical.**

You **do not** need to apply for an intradistrict transfer if:

- your child has already been accepted to a choice or charter school, or
- your child has previously been approved for a boundary exemption, or
- you wish for your child to remain at their boundary school.

WHEN AND HOW DO I APPLY?

Families may apply between **February 1st and April 30th**. Families must complete an online intradistrict transfer application at <https://www.lacrosseschools.org/enrollment/intradistrict-transfers/>.

If you do not have access to a computer or internet access, you can fill out an online application at your current school, at the Hogan Administration Center in our Welcome Center, or visit your local public library computer lab.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION IS APPROVED?

It is important to know that while all applications are considered, the completion of an application is not a guarantee of placement. **The 45/55 Enrollment Management Plan will apply to all applications for secondary boundary schools (Logan Middle, Longfellow, Central and Logan High School).** The boundary line, along with the application of the current intradistrict transfer rule for high schools to the middle schools, the 45/55 Enrollment Management Plan, will help address school enrollment balance.

Your application may be approved, denied, or placed on a waitlist. Every effort will be made to communicate the status of your application by May 30th.

WHAT IF I APPLY AFTER APRIL 30TH?

Applications received after April 30th may be denied. Applications received after April 30th will be considered on an individual basis and for unique circumstances only. Again, the rationale for this stringent deadline is because our district must make critically important staffing decisions based on this student enrollment process.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Information about all charter, choice, and boundary schools can be found on the School District of La Crosse Intradistrict webpage, <https://www.lacrosseschools.org/enrollment/intradistrict-transfers/>. **Should you have any questions about a specific school, contact that school's principal.**

What is a charter school? Charter schools are public, nonsectarian schools created through a business-like contract or "charter" between the charter governance board and the sponsoring school board or other chartering authority.

Charter School Options:

Elementary - Coulee Montessori (4K-6), School of Technology & Arts (SOTA I), Coulee Region Virtual Academy

Middle School (Located at Logan Middle School) - School of Technology & Arts (SOTA II)

Middle/High School (Grades 6-12) - La Crosse Polytechnic School, Coulee Region Virtual Academy

What is a choice school? Choice schools include students from the boundary attendance area as well as students that choose to attend through the intradistrict transfer process. These schools deliver curriculum using a thematic approach or have a unique calendar.

Choice School Options:

Elementary - Northside Elementary School (Year-Round), North Woods International School - International Baccalaureate, and Summit Environmental School

What is a boundary school? Boundary schools are based on your home address within the School District of La Crosse. To determine your boundary school, visit [SchoolSearch](#).

Elementary - Emerson, Hamilton, Hintgen, Southern Bluffs, Spence, State Road

Middle School - Longfellow Middle School, Logan Middle School

High School - Central High School, Logan High School

WHAT IF MY FAMILY LIVES OUTSIDE OF LA CROSSE AND WE WISH TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE?

We welcome all students and families! If you do not live within the School District of La Crosse boundary or have moved outside the district but wish for your child to attend the School District of La Crosse, please watch for information regarding the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Application Period, starting at the beginning of February through the end of April. If you have previously applied and been approved for open enrollment, you do not need to reapply. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent for open enrolled students. **For more information, contact Michelle Wozney, 608.789.7651, or mwozney@lacrossesd.org, or visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.**

IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Transportation is provided for choice programs and charter schools. As previously mentioned, for all other intradistrict transfer requests, transportation is the responsibility of parents/guardians. For more information, [Transportation for Intradistrict Transfers](#).

The School District of La Crosse has outstanding educational options and we are thrilled to partner with you as you explore the most authentic match for your learner(s).

Sincerely,



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