

## Public School Choice/ Intradistrict Transfer Option

In November, 2011, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) submitted to the U. S. Department of Education (US ED) an application requesting flexibility through waivers of ten Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requirements and their associated, regulatory, administrative and reporting requirements. One of the ten requested waivers directly affected Public School Choice (Choice). Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year those Title I schools that were required to offer Public School Choice (Choice) due to a NCLB school improvement status, the waiver allows those Title I schools to no longer be required to offer Choice under ESEA but rather follow Georgia's Intradistrict Transfer option (Out of Zone).

Georgia's Intradistrict Transfer (O.C.G.A. §20-2-2130, O.C.G.A. §20-2-2131) option allows parents of students enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school in Georgia to elect to enroll their student in a public school that is located within the school district in which the student resides other than the one to which the student has been assigned by the local board of education if such school has classroom space available after its assigned students have been enrolled. The parent shall assume the responsibility and cost of transportation of the student to and from the school. Each local school district establishes its own process (available to all students) to implement the transfer requirements of Georgia's Intradistrict Transfer option.

Please contact Kathy Simmons, Title I Director, at (912) 545-2367 for additional information.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Students Eligible for Public School Choice</b>	<b>Number of Students Participating in Public School Choice</b>
2007-2008	2204	0
2008-2009	2394	0
2009-2010	2511	0
2010-2011	2508	0
2011-2012	2560	0
2012-2013	2748	0
2013-2014	2983	0
2014-2015	3052	0