

**PUTNAM COUNTY CONTROLLED CHOICE PLAN
STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS
2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

Q. What is Controlled Choice?

A. Controlled Choice, sometimes called School Choice, is a method of assigning students to a school, based upon the choice of the parent or guardian.

Q. What are the attendance zones?

A. There are three (3) attendance zones in Putnam County

SOUTH ZONE

Middleton-Burney Elem.
Miller Intermediate
Browning-Pearce Elem.
Crescent City Jr.-Sr. High

CENTRAL ZONE

Browning-Pearce Elem.
River Breeze Elem.
James A. Long Elem.
Mellon Elementary
Moseley Elementary
Kelley Smith Elementary
Beasley Middle School
Jenkins Middle School
Palatka High School

WEST ZONE

Melrose Elem.
Ochwilla Elementary
Interlachen Elem.
Price Middle
Q. I. Roberts Middle
Interlachen High

Q. When may I apply?

A. Wednesday, April 1, 2009 through Thursday, April 30, 2009.

Q. Will the School Board provide transportation for my child?

A. No. It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation if a different school is chosen.

- Q. Does everyone need to choose a school for next year?
- A. No. All students enrolled in Putnam County schools at the end of the 2008-09 school year will be automatically enrolled in their present school or feeder school next year. The only students who need to file an application are:
1. New students to Putnam County (any student not enrolled in a Putnam County school as of June 1, 2009).
 2. Any student wishing to change their school assignment.
- Q. After I choose a school, may I change my school choice back to my home school or select another school?
- A. No. Once a school assignment has been made, parents will not have another opportunity to change the assignment until the next school year.
- Q. May I change my child's school assignment if we have a serious problem during the year?
- A. Yes. Parents can file a request to transfer their child to another school based upon a hardship condition. The hardship must be approved by the School Board and the parent or guardian will be responsible for transportation. This request is to be filed in the Student Services Office.
- Q. When and where will I need to file an application for School Choice?
- A. Applications will be available at each school and at the Student Services Office at the Campbell Administrative Building, 200 South Seventh Street, Palatka, beginning April 1, 2009. (Phone (386) 329-0538. Applications may also be downloaded from our website www.putnamschools.org (click on the orange parent tab).
- Q. May I visit schools in my attendance zone before filing an application?
- A. Yes. Parent and guardians are asked to contact the school and arrange a time to visit.