

## RSU 1 SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY

RSU 1 permits parents and guardians to select which public school of the district their children may attend. Any choice under this plan may be made subject to grades taught at that school, space, and programming availability and other factors determined by the board of directors. Resident students are always guaranteed placement in their school. Arrowsic will always have school choice within the district. Budget conditions may affect placement opportunities.

In order to provide for adequate planning to implement this vision, the board has established the following process:

1. An initial school choice application must be completed by the parent/guardian by May 1. Applications received after that date may be considered. Once a student is accepted by a school of their choice, they do not have to reapply each year.
2. School choice must not require the hiring of additional staff in any particular school and should not increase class sizes beyond what is outlined in our class size policy - IIB.
3. School choice will be determined on a first come, first serve basis provided space and program availability.
4. Parents and guardians will be notified in writing as soon as possible, but no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of their child's placement for the following year.
5. Students who move to RSU 1 during the school year are eligible for school choice the following school year.
6. Parents who make a school choice placement outside of their neighborhood school will be given every consideration for siblings that may choose to go to the same school.
7. Space and programming capabilities will be factors that the superintendent and principal will take into account when making any school choice decision.
8. School choice transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Cross Reference: [Class Size Policy IIB](#)

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