

## **District outlines deadlines for 2021-2022 Choice process**

### **Submit application by January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for priority consideration**

Last year, Adams 12 Five Star Schools received more than **3,500** Choice applications for the 2020-2021 school year. In accordance with the state's open enrollment law, the district's Choice program allows for students to apply to attend schools outside of their attendance area boundary.

Both in-district and out-of-district students can apply for Choice. Out-of-district Choice requests are considered after in-district requests. Acceptance to a Choice school is based on several criteria: availability of space, sufficient teaching staff, appropriate programs and the necessary facilities for special needs students.

Adams 12 Five Star Schools will publicize the schools open to Choice for the 2021-22 school year on December 1, 2020. The Choice application and list of open schools are available online at [www.adams12.org/choice](http://www.adams12.org/choice).

The deadline for priority consideration is January 31, 2021 and is not first-come, first-served. If the number of requests exceeds the spaces available in a given school, the district will hold a lottery. Parents and students submitting an application for priority consideration will be notified of the results of their application no later than the third week of February.

The second deadline to submit a Choice application for the 2021-2022 school year is March 31, 2020. As with the first round, if the number of requests exceeds the spaces available in a given school, the district will hold a lottery. Families will be notified of the results of their application no later than the third week of April.

In addition to the two deadlines above, a third round of Choice is held beginning in the Spring/Summer through mid-September if space is available. Schools open to the third round of Choice will be posted online at [www.adams12.org/choice](http://www.adams12.org/choice).

The duration of a Choice placement is valid for all grades served by the school. For example, if a student attends a Choice elementary school, the approval is valid to the end of fifth grade, as long as there are no significant changes in that school's enrollment or facilities. When a student transitions from elementary to middle school or from middle to high school, they must reapply for Choice. If they don't, the student's placement automatically reverts to their boundary school.

Students who receive approval of their Choice application and attend schools outside their assigned attendance area are responsible for their own transportation to and from the school. Participation in the district's Choice program will affect a student's right to transportation afforded under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Families eligible for homeless assistance services should consult with the Student and Family Outreach Program before choosing to participate in the Choice program by calling 720-972-6015.

### **Secondary programs**

Admissions to high school programs with specialized admissions criteria like Horizon SOAR, Legacy 2000, Mountain Range High School of Business, Northglenn High STEM and EC@N-STEM Programs and Thornton High International Baccalaureate (IB) are managed directly by each school. In-district and

out-of-district students wishing to attend high school programs with specialized admissions criteria must apply directly with the school's program and do not need to apply with the Choice Program.

To learn more about Choice and find answers to frequently asked questions, visit the district website at [www.adams12.org/choice](http://www.adams12.org/choice). The Five Star District Planning and Admissions Department administers the Choice Program and can be contacted via email at [choice@adams12.org](mailto:choice@adams12.org) or by phone at (720) 972-4055.