

PSC program FAQs

What is the Public School Choice (PSC) transfer program?

Public School Choice (PSC) provides students in Title I Priority and Focus Schools the opportunity to apply to transfer into schools currently NOT in Priority or Focus status as determined by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), in accordance with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001.

How may I get assistance with the Public School Choice (PSC) transfer program?

If you have questions about the PSC program, email nclb_PSC@schools.nyc.gov, call the Office of Student Enrollment (OSE) at 718-935-2439, or visit nyc.gov/schools/PSC.

Who is eligible for a Public School Choice transfer?

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) determine which students can participate in the PSC transfer program. Students are eligible for a PSC transfer if their school is in the following categories:

- **Priority or Focus:** Based on the 2016-2017 NYSED school accountability data, Title I schools are identified as Priority or Focus if they are among the lowest performing statewide in terms of overall performance, graduation rate, and/or other criteria.
- Students enrolled in the terminal grade of their school will not receive a PSC transfer application.

How do I request a Public School Choice transfer?

Eligible students will be mailed a personalized PSC transfer application to their home. If you do not receive a PSC transfer application by **Friday, March 3, 2017**, or lose your application, please email nclb_PSC@schools.nyc.gov, call 718-935-2439, or visit your nearest Family Welcome Center which can be found at <http://schools.nyc.gov/welcomecenters> for a replacement. To participate in the PSC program, a completed and signed application must be postmarked by **Friday, March 24, 2017**.

Which schools may I apply to?

You may apply to any schools listed on your application. You can also select the “Other Schools” option, which means you may receive a transfer offer to a school with available seats, if none of your selected schools have seat availability.

Must I transfer my child?

If your child is attending a **Priority or Focus** school and you want your child to continue at his or her current school, you can check “No, I would not like to request a transfer” in the “Requesting a Transfer” section on the front page of the application. You can also take no action and not submit the application.

Can I rank/prioritize my school choices?

There is no preference order on the application, and your child may be matched to any school that you select. Please choose only those schools that you are willing to have your child attend.

How is my child matched to a school?

After reviewing the schools you have selected for your child, matches are made according to seat availability in accordance with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, which requires that the lowest-performing and lowest-income students have highest priority.

To obtain a translated copy of the instructions, please visit the website below.	নির্দেশাবলির অনূদিত কপি সংগ্রহের জন্য দয়া করে আমাদের ওয়েবসাইট দেখুন।	Pour vous procurer une traduction des instructions, merci de visiter le site web indiqué ci-dessous.	안내문의 번역본이 필요하시면 다음 웹사이트를 참고하십시오.	Para obtener un ejemplar de las instrucciones traducidas, por favor ingrese al sitio web que figura abajo.
للحصول على نسخة مترجمة من الإرشادات، نرجو زيارة الموقع الإلكتروني أدناه.	如果您需要翻譯成中文的說明，請點擊下面的網址。	Pou jwenn yon kopi eksplikasyon yo nan diferan lang, ale nan sitwèb pi ba a.	Перевод инструкций находится на указанном ниже вебсайте.	ہدایات کی ترجمہ شدہ نقل حاصل کرنے کے لیے براہ کرم ذیلی ویب سائٹ ملاحظہ کریں۔
www.nyc.gov/schools/PSC				

Transportation FAQs

Will my child receive transportation?

Your child will receive transportation based on the guidelines below. Yellow bus transportation is not provided across boroughs. Yellow bus transportation is not provided for students in grades 7-12.

Grade levels	Distance	Transportation Type
K-2	Who live less than 1/2 mile from their school	Full Fare Metro Card
K-2	Who live more than 1/2 mile from their school	Yellow Bus
3-6	Who live less than a mile from their school	Full Fare Metro Card
3-6	Who live more than a mile or more from their school	Yellow Bus
7-12	Are eligible to receive only full fare Metro Cards, regardless of distance	Full Fare Metro Card

Will my child keep the same transportation every year?

Your child’s transportation may change from year to year. For example, a Grade 2 student who transfers through the PSC program and resides more than ½ mile but less than 1 mile from the new school is eligible for General Education yellow bus transportation. When this student begins Grade 3, he or she is eligible for a full-fare MetroCard for public transportation. PSC students who are not eligible for yellow bus transportation may be assigned a MetroCard that is valid on both MTA subways and buses.

How will I be informed about transportation?

Transportation information will be included in the PSC transfer offer letter based on the student’s address at the time the offer was made. Before the start of the new school year, you are encouraged to contact the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) at 718-392-8855 to confirm your transportation information. After the start of the school year, families may bring their offer letter to the new school, which will request transportation on the student’s behalf. If your child receives a MetroCard, it will be distributed by the school at the start of the school year.

Will my transportation change if I move after my child has transferred through PSC?

If your family moves after your child has transferred to a school through PSC, your child will receive transportation based on the new address using the eligibility requirements listed above. Please be sure to notify the school of your new address.

Will my transportation change if my child leaves the school he or she transferred to through PSC?

If a student leaves the school he or she transferred to through PSC, transportation eligibility at the new school will be determined by current NYCDOE transportation guidelines at www.OPTNYC.org. General Education transportation provided under PSC is no longer guaranteed. There is no change for Special Education students whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) mandates transportation.

How can I figure out the distance from my home to a school?

Use MTA Trip Planner at www.mta.info to estimate the best route, time, and distance from your home to a school. You may be matched to any school you select on your application so please consider travel time as you select your schools.

What if I have questions about my child’s transportation?

If you have questions about transportation, contact the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) at 718-392-8855 or visit the OPT website at www.OPTNYC.org.