



## LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT 38

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Dear Current and Future District 38 Families,

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The Public Schools of Choice law allows resident pupils to enroll at schools in Colorado districts for which they are not zoned. Parents/guardians have the ability to select the school that best fits the student’s educational needs. This is a summary of the choice enrollment information for Lewis-Palmer School District’s 2020-2021 school year.

**Choice enrollment window:** January 2 to February 7, 2020.

**Participating schools:** All schools will consider accepting students as required by law. However, some schools are at or near capacity and acceptance may be limited by space and staff availability at the school and/or availability of special programs and facilities needed to meet a student’s educational needs. Our student population continues to grow and we must accommodate resident students. For these reasons, approval for non-resident and out-of-boundary students may be limited by seat availability.

Questions regarding Monument Academy’s ability to accept new students should be directed to the school at 719-481-1950.

**When/how to apply:** Applications available at the Administration Building and on the district website beginning January 2, 2020. Submit forms via email, fax, or directly to the District Administration Building or to any district school during normal business hours.

### **Resident vs. non-resident applications:**

- Students who reside **within** the boundaries of Lewis-Palmer School District, once approved for a school, are expected to remain there for the grade levels served by the school. Since this becomes the child’s assigned school, any request to return to the neighborhood school is accomplished through the choice enrollment process.
- Students who reside **outside** the boundaries of Lewis-Palmer School District are approved on a year-to-year basis. Considerations for continued enrollment take into account space and program availability, as well as compliance with attendance and behavior guidelines.

**Priority:** Returning students are given priority in accordance with policy. Siblings of current choice-enrolled students are not given preference. District 38 residents requesting choice enrollment have priority over non-district residents. Children of Lewis-Palmer School District employees are considered as in-district residents for priority consideration.

*Questions regarding choice enrollment: please contact the district registrar at 719-488-4700.*

**Choice enrollment should be completed for the following situations:**

- New students (including kindergartners) who reside in another school district, and those who reside inside the boundaries of Lewis-Palmer School District who want to attend a school other than their assigned neighborhood school.
- Current non-resident sixth graders who want to attend Lewis-Palmer Middle School.
- Current eight grade students who want to attend a District 38 high school for which they are not zoned.
- Current District 38 students who want to change schools (includes current choice-enrolled students who want to switch to their neighborhood school).
- Any student who moved out of his or her school's neighborhood attendance area during the 2019-2020 school year and who intends to remain at the same school.

**Preschool:** Choice enrollment does not apply to preschool. District 38 will be accepting preschool enrollments for non-residents of Lewis-Palmer School District. Non-resident students will be considered for preschool based on availability of space and resources.

**Important high school athletic information:** Current high school students who want to switch schools may have restricted athletic eligibility. Please familiarize yourself with the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Transfer Rules, found on the CHSAA website (<http://chsaanow.com>). You may also consult with your athletic director.

**Enrollment requirements:** New students approved for choice enrollment must still complete the normal new student enrollment process. For grades K-12, this is an online process and will open for the 2020-2021 school year beginning February 10, 2020. Please direct enrollment questions to the district registrar at 719-488-4700.

**Transportation:** Families agree to provide transportation for students to schools outside of designated transport areas. For additional transportation information, please see the transportation webpage, located on our website under "Departments."

**Subsequent transfers:** Students will not be eligible for any other transfer without submitting a new choice enrollment application, and transfers during the school year will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

**Charter school families:**

- Monument Academy policies differ from those of District 38 traditional schools.
- Monument Academy 8th graders will need to indicate their desired high school preference on their "Intent to Enroll" form with Monument Academy. Those students who do not plan to attend the new Monument Academy High School will either be transferred to their neighborhood District 38 high school, or with an accompanying choice enrollment application, be considered for their District 38 high school of choice. Those students who plan to attend high school elsewhere will need to enroll with the appropriate district.

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