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High School Choice Information 2011-2012



The Wynantskill Union Free School District was established in the early 1950's as a K through 8 District. As such it does not have a High School program of its' own. Therefore students are provided their High School education through annual agreements between our Board of Education and the Boards of Education of other Districts.

Currently Wynantskill U.F.S.D. has High School tuition agreements with the following Districts: Averill Park Central School District, Brunswick Central School District (Brittonkill), East Greenbush Central School District, and Troy City School District . These choices are for residents of Wynantskill Union Free School District.

Students attending Gardner Dickinson that are residents of North Greenbush Common School District (Little Red) have different choices for High School and these parents are directed to speak with their district representative.

Brunswick School District
Web Site:
<http://www.brittonkill.k12.ny.us/>

East Greenbush School District Web Site:
<http://www.egcsd.org/>

Troy School District Web site:
<http://www.troy.k12.ny.us/>

Averill Park School District
Web site:
<http://www.averillpark.k12.ny.us/>

What is the process for High School Choice

- Parent information evening will be held each fall for parents of 8th grade students to introduce the high school selection process.
- The Board of Education finalizes contracts with participating districts in January.
- In January and February parent information sessions are held at participating schools.
- During the month of February parents will be asked to prioritize their high school selections.
- In March selections are finalized and transition plans are developed
- In April and May High School schedules are planned
- In June, student records are sent to the new schools

NOTE: Space in some of the schools is limited and may be determined by lottery.

Q. Do families pay tuition to attend public high schools?

A. No. The school district of residence is legally responsible for the education of all school aged children within district boundaries.

Q. We have not decided on whether our child will attend a public or private High School. Are there important time frames we need to follow?

A. Yes. The decision to apply to a private High School is entirely the parents' responsibility and careful attention to that process would need to be followed. Eighth Grade Wynantskill U.F.S.D. students and parents are advised of the public High School choice process in the Fall of their 8th Grade year and throughout the school year. Timelines are shared and careful attention should be paid to the process in order to make a successful transition to High School.

Q. If I have an older child in high school, can my other children attend as well?

A. Yes, every effort is made to keep families together, unless a different selection is made by the parent.

Q. Who is responsible to transport my child to High School?

A. Wynantskill U.F.S.D. will transport students to all approved High Schools. When Wynantskill U.F.S.D. is closed due to weather related conditions, transportation will not be provided to any school.

Q. How do I choose a High School?

A. The High School choice program is coordinated by our Guidance Counselor who assists parents and students throughout this process. Information is presented by the Counselor and visitations scheduled. Parents are advised to visit the schools of interest prior to final decisions being made. Information about the districts may be found on their web pages. Addresses are provided on the back of this brochure.

Q. When will I know what high school my child will be able to attend?

A. All choice selections are completed by parents and students in early March. In the event that a lottery must be conducted (due to limited enrollments at a particular school that year), the results are shared immediately after any lottery is conducted.

Q. What are the current High School choices available to the children of Wynantskill U.F.S.D.?

A. The district has arrangements with Averill Park, Troy, Brunswick (Brittonkill), East Greenbush and Averill Park.

Q. Can I change schools if I find out the one chosen does not fit my child?

A. Generally, no. However, if your child is having difficulties at the high school, you should contact the Guidance Office at the high school to address those concerns and work through any difficulties.