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## **Apply Online for School Choice**

DELAND— Online applications are now available for parents who are considering enrolling their children in a school other than their assigned (zoned) school. The new “choice law” or Controlled Open Enrollment was adopted by the Florida Legislature for implementation in the 2017-18 school year and allows parents to enroll a child in any school in the state of Florida; however, that choice is limited to schools with capacity.

In Volusia, a procedure is already in place allowing parents to have that choice. Formerly called a variance, the new controlled open enrollment process is very similar. One important change is the ability to apply online through the Parent Portal. If a parent is new to the district or does not have a Parent Portal account, paper applications are available at any school during normal school hours.

The deadline to apply for the 2017-18 school year is the last day of school, May 26, 2017. Choice is limited to schools with capacity and parents must provide transportation. A lottery procedure will be used if there are more applicants than seats. For questions, contact the Office of Student Assignment at 386-947-8786, ext. 50709 or 50815, or visit [www.myvolusiaschools.org](http://www.myvolusiaschools.org) and click on the school choice link on the slideshow.

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