

4.5F—SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY RESOLUTION

Whereas:

- The Board of Directors of the Nemo Vista School District has approved by a vote of the Board, the following capacity resolution for school choice applicants for the 2024-2025 school year under the provisions of policy 4.5—SCHOOL CHOICE and applicable Arkansas law.
- Except for applicants who are transferring under Uniformed Service Member Dependent School Choice, applicants, whose applications meet the provisions of policy 4.5—SCHOOL CHOICE will be sent a provisional acceptance notification letter, which will give instructions on the necessary steps and timelines to enroll in the District. Provisional acceptance shall be determined before July 1 with a final decision to be made by July 1 based on the district's available capacity for each academic program, class, grade level, and individual school.
- Applications will not be accepted if the applications:
 - Are received, electronically timestamped, or postmarked before January 1, unless the application is from a student who is transferring under Uniformed Service Member Dependent School Choice;
 - Are received, electronically timestamped, or postmarked after May 1, unless the application is postmarked before May 1 or is from a student who is transferring under Uniformed Service Member Dependent School Choice;
 - Are to a student's resident district that has been determined by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to be exempt due to an existing desegregation order; or
 - The student is transferring under Uniformed Service Member Dependent School Choice and the application is not accompanied by relevant documentation.
- The district reserves to itself the ability to determine, based on an examination of student records obtained from the prior district, and other information, whether any student would require a different class, course, or course, program of instruction, or special services than originally applied for. If such an examination determines that capacity has been reached in the appropriate class, course, or program of instruction, or that additional staff would have to be hired for the applicant, the District shall rescind the original provisional acceptance letter and deny the Choice transfer for that student.
- The district reserves to itself the ability to decline to accept under school choice any student whose acceptance would require the district to add additional staff to exceed the District's current grade, program, or building capacity.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that these shall constitute the School Choice openings at the beginning of the School Choice enrollment period for the school year 2024-2025.

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

Date:

Date Revised: July 2024

Dear Parents of:

The application you submitted for your child has been provisionally accepted. While the Nemo Vista School District looks forward to welcoming your child as a student, to further the application process and to better assist the district in determining the proper placement of your child, please submit the information listed below to Nemo Vista School District by _____. Failure to submit the information requested by the date specified shall void and nullify this letter's provisional acceptance. In addition to the information you submit, records may be requested from the student's current district/school, and final acceptance may depend on the content of those records as to appropriate grade placement, program placement, or services required. A student who has not previously attended an Arkansas public school or did not attend an Arkansas public school in the previous academic year may be evaluated by the district before final acceptance, and the results of that evaluation could affect final acceptance.

1. For students applying to enroll in first grade or higher: a copy of the student's transcript from the school where the student is currently enrolled. The student's permanent record, including the original transcript, will be requested from the school immediately following the student's actual enrollment in our district.

2. Proof of the student's age; This can be a:
 - a. birth certificate;
 - b. A statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the child's date of birth;
 - c. An attested baptismal certificate;
 - d. A passport;
 - e. An affidavit of the date and place of birth by the child's parent or guardian;
 - f. United States military identification; or
 - g. Previous school records.

3. The student's health care needs at school.

4. Student's age-appropriate immunization record or an exemption granted for the previous school year and a statement of whether or not the parent intends to continue the exemption for the upcoming school year.

After reviewing the submitted documentation, the District will determine if the applicant meets the District's capacity standards and notify you of its decision by _____.

Respectfully,

Logan Williams,
Superintendent

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4.5F3—SCHOOL CHOICE ACCEPTANCE LETTER

Dear Parents of:

I am pleased to inform you that the application you submitted for _____ has been accepted pending enrollment of your child by _____, however, failure to enroll _____ by this date will render this offer of acceptance null and void.

I look forward to welcoming _____ as part of the Nemo Vista School District.

Once your child has enrolled in school with us this coming school year, the student's name will be eligible to continue enrollment in the district until completing high school or is beyond the legal age of enrollment provided the student meets the applicable statutory and District policy requirements all other District students must meet (except residency in the District) to continue District enrollment. This information is contained in the student handbook.

Respectfully,

Logan Williams,
Superintendent

4.5F4--SCHOOL CHOICE REJECTION LETTER

Dear Parents of:

I am sorry, but the application you submitted for _____ has been rejected for the following reason(s).

____ Your child's resident district has declared itself exempt from the provisions of the School Choice Law due to it being under an enforceable desegregation order.

___ Your child does not meet the openings identified for the coming school year identified in the Board of Directors Resolution adopted on insert date.

The specific reason for rejection is that acceptance would cause the district to have to add:

___ Staff

___ Teachers

___ classroom(s)

___ the insert the name of the program, class, grade level, or school building's capacity

As noted in your original application, you have ten (10) days from receipt of this notice in which to submit a written appeal of this decision to the State Board of Education.

Respectfully,

Logan Williams,

Superintendent

The Nemo Vista Handbook serves as a guide to foster a positive, respectful, and productive learning environment. By adhering to the policies outlined, we can remain a place where all students, staff, and families feel valued and supported.

These policies promote safety, academic excellence, and personal growth, while encouraging mutual respect and responsibility within the school and community.

As our school continues to grow and evolve, we recognize that policies may need to be reviewed and updated to meet the changing needs of the students and state requirements. While there are many policies are set by the state department, we encourage ongoing feedback and collaboration to ensure they remain effective and reflect the values of our school. The goal is to create an environment where everyone thrives and achieves their fullest potential. We appreciate your commitment to upholding these standards and contributing to the success of Nemo Vista Schools.