

Public School Choice

The Gentry Public School District offers the following data regarding Arkansas students who do not live within the district but who desire to attend Gentry Public Schools for the next school term under the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated 6-18-206, "Public School Choice".

1. Application must be made using the application form furnished by the Arkansas Department of Education. Such application may be picked up in person at the Gentry Superintendent's office or be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to **Renee' Bradshaw, Administrative Assistant, Gentry Public Schools, 201 South Giles, Gentry, Arkansas 72734.**
2. No application will be rejected because of an applicant's previous academic achievement, athletic or other extracurricular ability, handicapping conditions, English proficiency level, other personally attributable characteristics, or previous disciplinary proceedings, except that of an expulsion from another district may be included pursuant to A.C.A. § 6-18-510.
3. Criteria for acceptance will be the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building.
4. Based on capacity as described above, applications will be considered on a "first received, first granted" basis. The postmark will serve to determine the order an application was received. Applications delivered by hand will be stamped with the date the application is received by school officials and initialed by the applicant.
5. First priority will be given each year to applications from siblings or step-siblings residing in the same residence or household of students already attending the district by choice. Such applications will be considered before all other pending applications and then considered in the order in which they were received as described above.
6. Applications postmarked after July 1 or hand-delivered after that date shall not be accepted.
7. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of an application from a non-resident student seeking admission under the terms of this section, the Gentry School District shall notify the parent or guardian and the resident district in writing as to whether the student's application has been accepted or rejected.
8. Any student whose application is approved must enroll within 10 days of the date when the approval was granted.
9. The responsibility for transportation of a student from the student's resident school district to a non-resident school district shall be borne by the student or the student's parents. The Gentry School District *may* enter into a written agreement with the student, or student's parents, or resident school district to provide transportation to or from any place in the resident district to the non-resident district, or both.
10. The Gentry School District will accept credits toward graduation that were awarded by the resident school district and will award a diploma if the non-resident student meets the Gentry School District's graduation requirements.
11. The Gentry Public School District shall not require a student attending Gentry Public Schools under the Public School Choice Act to reapply each year as long as the student remains in continuous enrollment.