



ANNOUNCEMENT:

All families wanting to remain at Alston Ridge Elementary School (as a calendar option school, or by "grandfathering" for rising 4th and 5th grade students and their siblings) need to use the [Calendar Option Application](#) via the [WCPSS Office of Student Assignment](#) website for your student(s). Do NOT use the Early Transfer Application--due to a programming error, Alston Ridge is not available as an option in that form. In the [Calendar Option Application](#), there is not an area to document if you are grandfathering but the WCPSS Office of Student Assignment will be able to identify eligible families and ensure they are placed with the Grandfathering Priority. See [this link](#) to note the guarantee for grandfathering and priorities for all other calendar option requests. Please email Ms. Caswell, tcaswell@wcpss.net, with any other questions or concerns.

Earlier Principal's Phone Message

If you have been assigned to Horton's Creek and have a rising 4th or 5th grade student, there has been an important update to Grandfathering and transportation. As Alston Ridge is in the unique situation of being Horton's Creek Calendar option, families who choose to grandfather their students to Alston Ridge WILL receive transportation. You must request the grandfathering transfer (which is guaranteed) for your rising 4th or 5th grader and ALL siblings during the early transfer window Feb 22-28. Grandfathering is considered a "voluntary transfer" and, again, since we are the calendar option are in the unique situation of those students receiving transportation.

If you do not have a rising 4th or 5th grade student and still want to stay at Alston Ridge, you should also apply for a calendar option transfer Feb. 22-28. This option also provides transportation but is not guaranteed.

Information on early transfer can be found at <http://www.wcpss.net/Page/276>. If you click on calendar option and scroll down you will see a link "View Priorities" that explains how approvals are made. Additionally, the grandfathering (or voluntary transfer) transportation exception is explained at the bottom right pink box labeled "bus service for transfer students."

Please contact me if you have any questions tcaswell@wcpss.net.

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