



## School of Choice Application

Please print and fill out completely. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Name:		
Student ID (if NBISD):	Age:	
Birthdate:	Current School:	
Student Address:		
The name of the person(s) with whom you reside:		
Relationship of the person(s) with who you reside:		
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Parent/Guardian Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Student Phone:
Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address:		
Do you have a job?	Where work?	Hours work?
Are you a parent or are you expecting?		If so, when?
When do you hope to graduate?		
What do you hope to do when you graduate?		

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Office Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Session: \_\_\_\_\_

**School References (required)**

Please list three references (current/former teachers, counselors, or administrators).

Reference Name:	School Name:	Phone:
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**Application Essay (required)**

You must complete a one-page essay explaining why you believe you should be selected to attend the New Braunfels School of Choice. Please include any extraordinary life circumstances that have affected your school experience. Also, if you have experienced excessive absences, course failures, discipline problems or other issues that have affected your high school success, you must address these issues in your essay, along with what changes you have made or intend to make to correct these issues and achieve your goals.

Attach your essay to this application. Hand written essays must be legible. School of Choice staff will examine factual information included in your essay, organization of your essay, and your writing ability.

I have read and understand the attached School of Choice Information Section of this application. Please detach this section and retain it for your information.

I understand that I must remain enrolled in my current school, until I am given written notification of acceptance into the New Braunfels School of Choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**This section is to be completed by your current high school counselor.**

Number of credits earned to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student met all exit-level testing requirements? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please indicate whether this student has received services in any of the following areas:

\_\_\_\_ ELS/LEP \_\_\_\_ GT \_\_\_\_ Sped Ed \_\_\_\_ 504 \_\_\_\_ McKinney-Vento \_\_\_\_ Other ( ) \_\_\_\_ None

**Counselor attaches:**

- \_\_\_\_ most recent transcript
- \_\_\_\_ most recent state assessment results
- \_\_\_\_ current grades

**Counselor Comments:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

# School of Choice Disclaimer

Student Name:

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I understand that by enrolling in the New Braunfels School of Choice, an alternative high school, it could present problems if I decide to go directly to a four-year university right after high school graduation or if I decide to enlist in the military.

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Student Signature

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Date



## School of Choice – General Information

The School of Choice is:

- A TEA accredited high school within New Braunfels ISD.
- A school with the same graduation requirements as all other public high schools, requiring a specific number of credits and success on required state assessments.
- Self-paced, but students are expected to earn a minimum of 4 credits per semester, which should include English, Mathematics, Science, and/or Social Studies.
- A diploma granting high school. (Students are permitted to walk the stage at regular NBHS graduation.)

The School of Choice is not:

- Less rigorous.
- A school that ranks its students. (A numeric and four-point grade averages can be calculated for college entrance purposes.)
- A school that offers activities, such as band, athletics, or dance.

The School of Choice model student:

- Is strongly motivated to attend school, earn credits, and graduate.
- Finds high school activities a distraction.
- Has 12 or more state credits.
- Is self-disciplined and has high initiative.
- Is able to provide his or her own transportation to school.
- Has completed Algebra I, English I, Biology or IPC, and World Geography.

The School of Choice curriculum:

- Offers all regular core subjects in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.
- Offers health, speech, physical education and a few other electives, depending on staff certification.
- Is taught using regular classroom instruction and research-based instructional software, where students work on computers to progress through their coursework.

The School of Choice schedule:

- Offers two sessions, one in the morning starting at 8:00 and another in the afternoon ending at 4:00. The time students are required to attend school depends on their credits and testing needs.
- Allows students to choose their session (subject to availability).
- Requires following the states compulsory attendance laws.

The School of Choice application:

- Must be filled out completely. (Incomplete applications will not be accepted.)
- Must include an up-to-date transcript, most recent state assessment scores, and a student essay discussing why the student wishes to attend the School of Choice.
- Should be submitted as follows:
  - During the summer for the beginning of the Fall semester.
  - At the end of the 3rd six weeks for the beginning of the Spring semester.