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Title: Transferring to a virtual school as a public school choice in N/X131

This article provides guidance regarding whether a student eligible for Public School Choice can transfer to a virtual school as an option.

In SEAs where students have the option of being full time virtual students, states may be able to offer these schools for public school choice. This means that for N/X131, data group 701 "Public School Choice Unable to Implement," there may be no LEAs unable to implement.

May these virtual schools be among the schools to which eligible students are offered the opportunity to transfer?

The answer to the question about whether these virtual schools can be considered as a transfer option for eligible students can be found in ED's Public school choice guidance available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/schoolchoiceguid.doc>. It reads:

"Yes. A virtual school may be among the schools to which an eligible student may transfer, so long as that school is a public elementary or secondary school (as defined by the SEA) and has not been identified for school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. If the "virtual school" is not operated by the LEA, the LEA could enter into a cooperative agreement with the school so that its students can enroll."