

**FAILING ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS:  
TRANSFER OPTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES  
2003-04 School Year**

Under the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act, students attending certain failing Albany public schools are entitled to apply for a **transfer to a non-failing public school OR to receive supplemental education services**, such as after-school tutoring. These qualifying failing public schools are the following:

**Philip Livingston Magnet Academy (Grades 6-8)**

315 Northern Boulevard  
Albany, NY 12210  
Phone: (518) 462-7154

Principal: John Polnak

2003 School Report Card: [www.emsc.nysed.gov/repcrd2003/schools/010100010031.html](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/repcrd2003/schools/010100010031.html)

**William S. Hackett Middle School (Grades 6-8)**

45 Delaware Avenue  
Albany, NY 12202  
Phone: (518) 462-7143

Principal: James Gaudette

2003 School Report Card: [www.emsc.nysed.gov/repcrd2003/schools/010100010030.html](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/repcrd2003/schools/010100010030.html)

# PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS For Albany Parents

	GRADES SERVED 2003-04	DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL <i>(see next page for test results)</i>	ENROLLMENT CONTACT
<b>CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>			
<b>Brighter Choice Charter School for Boys</b>	<b>K-2</b>	The companion all-boys and all-girls Brighter Choice Charter Schools (BCCS) offer a 9-to-5 school day, an extended school year, separate classes for boys and girls, computers in every classroom, expert teachers for each academic subject, an extensive art and music program, a new state-of-the-art school building, and school uniforms.	Ms. Susan Morales <b>(518) 694-4102</b>
<b>Brighter Choice Charter School for Girls</b>	<b>K-2</b>		
<b>New Covenant Charter School</b> <small>School Report Card: <a href="http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100860005.html">www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100860005.html</a></small>	<b>K-8</b>	New Covenant's curriculum emphasizes student mastery of fundamentals in reading and math in the primary grades. Instruction is tailored to each student's needs, and assessments are used regularly to track student progress. Instruction in Spanish is started in Kindergarten.	Main Office <b>(518) 463-3912</b>

## MAGNET SCHOOLS

<b>Albany School of the Humanities (ASH)</b> <small>School Report Card: <a href="http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010023.html">www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010023.html</a></small>	<b>PK-6</b>	ASH's curriculum emphasizes multicultural awareness and the school teaches Spanish. ASH has special-education programs that include self-contained and integrated classes. The school offers an after-school program, and has a partnership with the Albany Institute for History and Art.	Ms. Fran Chets <b>(518) 462-7226</b>
<b>Montessori Magnet School</b> <small>School Report Card: <a href="http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010014.html">www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010014.html</a></small>	<b>PK-6</b>	Montessori uses a progressive educational philosophy, including multiage classrooms instead of grade-level classrooms and "child-centered" learning. The school also offers instruction in French and an after-school program.	Main Office <b>(518) 462-7140</b>
<b>Philip Livingston Magnet Academy</b> <small>School Report Card: <a href="http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010031.html">http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010031.html</a></small>	<b>6-8</b>	Livingston offers specialized instruction in the arts and humanities, as well as science and technology, a tutoring program, and an after-school program. The school uses a block schedule for classes to extend learning time. <i>Due to its low student test scores, Livingston has been officially labeled a failing school.</i>	Guidance Office <b>(518) 462-7156</b>
<b>Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science &amp; Technology</b> <small>School Report Card: <a href="http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010028.html">www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcd2003/schools/010100010028.html</a></small>	<b>PK-6</b>	TOAST's curriculum emphasizes science and technology, and the school offers Latin language instruction, special education programs, an after-school program at the YMCA. The school also has a partnership with the NYS Museum.	Ms. Fran Chets <b>(518) 462-7226</b>

## OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DISTRICT'S OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY

Open enrollment is a process through which parents can enroll their children in a school other than their neighborhood school. Open enrollment applies to non-magnet schools only. Every spring, the school district determines the schools and grade levels where space is anticipated for the following year. Spaces are filled through an open enrollment lottery. Siblings of students currently enrolled in a particular school are given preference and may be admitted without going through the lottery process, provided space is available. Acceptance into a school by lottery is determined by availability of space and maintenance or improvement of racial balance. Occasionally, students are placed due to extenuating circumstances, after careful review by the superintendent of schools.

To apply for open enrollment, parents must complete the open enrollment application and return it to the District's Office of Pupil Personnel Services by **June 1st**. For more information, interested parents should contact the District's Office of Pupil Personnel Services at **426-7210**.

[SOURCE: Albany City School District Website, [www.albanyschools.org/Information/openenrollment.htm](http://www.albanyschools.org/Information/openenrollment.htm)]

<b>Non-Failing Schools</b>	<b>Failing Schools</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Albany High School (9-12)</b>  <b>Arbor Hill Elementary School (PK-6)</b>  <b>Giffen Memorial Elementary School (PK-6)</b>  <b>Philip Schuyler Elementary School (PK-6)</b>  <b>School 16 (K-6)</b>  <b>School 18 (K-5)</b>  <b>School 19 (K-6)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>In addition to Philip Livingston Magnet Academy (above), the following non-magnet school has been labeled as failing due to low test scores:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>William S. Hackett Middle School (6-8)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School 20 (PK-6)</b>  <b>School 26 (PK-6)</b>  <b>School 27 (K-6)</b></p>	

Parents of children interested in transferring to schools **outside of the Albany School District** should contact:

**Brighter Choice Public School Choice Project  
(518) 694-5010**

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