

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

March 10, 2009

Inter-District Transfers

Board Goal:

In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community
- foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide DISD trustees with background information regarding Inter-district transfers (transfer of students into DISD from surrounding districts). Two mitigating factors coming together at the same time has prompted the district to consider all aspects of student enrollment in DISD. The first of these mitigating factors is the encroachment of DISD on Chapter 41 status, the second is the intended or unintended consequence of House Bill 1, and the establishment of target revenue. Target revenue for DISD is \$5737.00 per student. This amount is made up of local and state funding sources. By increasing student enrollment, the district can increase Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA). According to the current state funding system, an increase in WADA would yield an increase in overall funding for the district. As a result, DISD staff is reviewing current inter-district transfer procedures in two areas: inter-district transfer of DISD employee's children and inter-district transfer of students to participate in the IBO programme in DISD.

Objectives

- Review current inter-district transfer procedures and fees.
- Review operating procedures from other Texas school districts regarding inter-district transfers for children of employees and IBO participation.
- Provide a foundation for future workshop discussion focused on inter-district student transfers.

Operational Impact

Currently, DISD has 26 students attending DISD schools as inter-district transfers. These students are from 20 DISD employees. These students pay annual tuition of \$2435.00 per DISD family, not per student. The gross tuition collected is \$48,700.00 for the 2008-2009 school year; however, this number is adjusted by taxes paid by DISD employees owning property and paying

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DISD taxes on property located within DISD boundaries or for students who attend DISD schools less than the full school year (the tuition is prorated accordingly).

In addition, DISD often receives inquiry regarding participation in the IBO programme from students and families living outside of DISD boundaries. As mentioned in the purpose of the report, target revenue for DISD is \$5737.00 per student. This amount is made up of local and state funding sources. By increasing student enrollment, the district can increase WADA. According to the current state funding system, and increase in WADA would yield an increase in overall funding for the district.

Results

This report is designed as background information for a future workshop topic. During the workshop, the Board of Trustees will provide direction to staff regarding tuition for the children of DISD employees attending DISD schools who reside outside of DISD. In addition, the Board of Trustees will provide direction to staff regarding access to the IBO programme by students and families whose residence is not in DISD.

Other Options

Future items for discussion:

- Elimination of tuition requirement for children of DISD employees attending DISD schools whose residence is outside of DISD.
- Establishment of inter-district transfer guidelines for students and families who do not reside within the DISD who desire participation in the IBO Programme.
 - Consideration of
 - tuition free enrollment with no additional fees for required IBO testing
 - tuition free enrollment with additional fees for required IBO testing
 - tuition based enrollment with additional fees for required IBO testing
 - tuition based enrollment with no additional fees for required IBO testing

Additional Resources:

- FDA (Legal), FDA (Local)
- IBO Tuition Research
- Tuition Payment Agreement-IBO
- Tuition Payment Agreement-DISD Employee
- Out of District Tuition Report