

DESCRIPTOR TERM:

District 370 Policy  
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Students

Non-Resident Student Admission Policy	1991	4-8-91
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Amended & Adopted	1997	4-14-97
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Amended & Adopted	2003	1-13-03
Amended & Adopted	2006	2-13-06
Amended & Adopted	2008	6-9-08
Amended & Adopted	2014	9-8-14

This is an open enrollment district and tuition will be waived for in-state, out-of-district students who attend this district’s schools pursuant to the terms of this policy and Idaho Codes 33-205, 33-1402, and 33-1404. The Board of Trustees and/or their representative will have the sole and final discretion on the admittance or non-admittance of students.

**APPLICATION**

A primary consideration for approval of an open enrollment application shall be to meet both the needs of the student requesting the transfer as well as the other students affected by the transfer. However, the Board’s intent is to give the highest priority to the students residing in the Homedale School District.

This district will take no action to prohibit or prevent application by its students to attend another district.

A student’s parent/guardian residing outside the district must apply annually for admission to a school in this district on a form provided by the district. The application, accompanied by the student’s accumulative record, including disciplinary records, must be submitted to this district by February 1 for enrollment during the following school year. The notice of application must also be given to the home district.

The superintendent or designee will review and accept or deny the applications. The district will notify the applicant within sixty (60) days and, if the request for enrollment in this district is denied, the denial will include a written explanation. The denial of an application for open enrollment is appealable to the board.

Upon agreement between the home school district and this district, the deadline for applications may be waived.

The board’s intent is to allow waivers of the timeline for continuous acceptance of open enrollment applications when space is available as set forth in this policy.

Reapplications for open enrollment approval must be made annually and approval is subject to the criteria, terms and conditions set forth in this policy.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

For those students attending this district's schools from out-of-district, the parent/guardian will be responsible for transporting the student to and from the school or to an appropriate bus stop within this district.

## **PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A student who plans to participate in a varsity sport governed by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) should review IHSAA rules prior to submitting an Open Enrollment Application. Certain school transfers will lead to a student being ineligible to play at the varsity level for one year.

## **INELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

If a student applies and is accepted in this district from out of district, but fails to attend, that student may not be eligible to again apply for an enrollment option in this district.

A student who has been suspended or expelled, may be ineligible for enrollment in this district pursuant to the provisions of this policy, unless an exception is granted by the Board/Superintendent.

Criteria by which an application may be rejected include but are not limited to:

1. Prior or current suspension or expulsion for any reason;
2. Documented record of drug, alcohol, and/or tobacco abuse including chewing tobacco;
3. Money due and owing to; or unreturned or damaged property of another school district;
4. An enrollment that would exceed enrollment capacities/ratios as set forth in this policy.

## **ENROLLMENT CAPACITIES**

This district is concerned about class size and the effect that enlargement of the student-teacher ratios will have upon the educational program. Therefore, this district has determined that admission of out-of-district students in excess of the following enrollment capacities/ratios would work a hardship on the district, its teachers, staff, students, and educational program:

- School capacities:
  - Elementary School — 600 students
  - Middle School — 480 students
  - High School — 480 students
- Class load capacities
  - K-2 — 23
  - 3-4 — 27
  - 5-6 — 28
  - 7-8 — 120 students per grade level
- An exceptional student education (early childhood – 21 years of age) to certified instructor ratio of:
  - Resource room — 10:1
  - Special Day Program — 5:1
  - Extended Resource Room — 5:1

- English Language Learners to ESL certified instructor ratio of:
  - K-4 — 75:1
  - 5-8 — 50:1
  - 9-12 — 30:1

Exceptions to the above capacities/ratios shall include the following:

- Out-of-district students whose parents are regular, non-temporary employees of the Homedale School District, and are residents of the State of Idaho
- District-to-district agreements wherein a sending school district contracts with a receiving school district to educate a specific individual or group

Non-resident students wishing to transfer to this district may have their applications denied if it is determined by the administration that a hardship exists, as defined by the enrollment capacities/ratios set forth above.

Non-resident students reapplying to this district may have their applications denied if it is determined by the administration that a hardship exists, as defined by the enrollment capacities/ratios set forth above.

Non-resident students residing in licensed homes, agencies, or institutions will be received and admitted if the facility is located within the district.

Homeless children and youth, as defined in the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistant Act (PL 100-77), may attend any district without payment of tuition when it is determined to be in the best interest of that child.

Applications will normally be considered on a “first-come-first-served” basis. However, preferential consideration will be made utilizing the following as a guide:

#### Priority Scale

1. A re-enrolling student
2. A sibling of a re-enrolling student
3. A first-year enrolling transfer student

### **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

#### Behavior Requirements

1. Satisfactory compliance with any rules, requirements, or policies outlined in the student handbook or in school district policy.
2. Satisfactory compliance with rules or requirements set by the school administration.
3. Satisfactory compliance with any city, state, or federal laws while on school property.
4. Maintain satisfactory progress in all classes, including serious effort to successfully complete assigned work.
5. Comply with all classroom rules and requirements and use class time wisely.
6. Maintain satisfactory attendance, with no trancies.
7. Parent/guardian will support the school rules, policies, and educational practices of the school and district.

All admitted students will be subject to all policies of the school district. Due process for all students remains the same regardless of what school they attend within the district and regardless of where the student resides once accepted under the open enrollment policy.