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| REGISTRATION FORMS | Before a minor student may be officially admitted to District schools, appropriate registration forms shall be completed and signed by the student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control. Students who have reached age 18 or over shall complete and sign these forms themselves. |
| MINOR LIVING APART | |
| PERSON STANDING IN PARENTAL RELATION | A minor student residing in the District but whose parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control under a court order does not reside in the District shall present a Power of Attorney assigning responsibility for the student in all school-related matters to an adult resident of the District. |
| MISCONDUCT | Any such student who has engaged in misconduct that results in any of the consequences found in Education Code 25.001(d) shall not be permitted to attend a District school. |
| EXCEPTIONS | Based on the individual student's circumstance, the Superintendent shall have authority to grant exceptions to the Power of Attorney requirement and to the exclusion for misconduct. |
| RESIDENCY REVIEW | The Superintendent shall determine whether a minor student residing in the District separate and apart from a parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control is present in the District for the primary purpose of participating in extracurricular activities. |
| NONRESIDENT STUDENT IN GRANDPARENT'S AFTER-SCHOOL CARE | <p>The parent and grandparent of a nonresident student requesting admission under Education Code 25.001(b)(9) shall provide to the Superintendent the required information on the grandparent's residency and complete a form provided by the District describing the extent of after-school care to be provided by the grandparent.</p> <p>The Board has determined that substantial care requires that a student in grades prekindergarten-grade 8 receive at least three hours of after-school care for five days each regular school week. Students in grades 9-12 shall not be eligible for admission based on grandparent care (see "Residency Verification" in administrative regulations).</p> <p>The Superintendent shall have authority to approve such admissions requests in accordance with criteria approved by the Board.</p> |
| PLACEMENT | |
| ACCREDITED SCHOOLS | Students entering a District school from accredited public, private, or parochial schools after grade 1 shall provide evidence of prior schooling outside the District. They shall be placed initially at the grade level reached elsewhere, pending observation by the classroom teacher, guidance personnel, and the principal. On the basis of these observations and results of tests that may be administered by appropriate District personnel, the |

principal shall determine the final grade placement.

For the purposes of this policy, "accredited" shall be defined as accreditation by TEA, an equivalent agency from another state, or an accrediting association recognized by the Commissioner of Education.

**NONACCREDITED
SCHOOLS**

Students entering a District school from nonaccredited public, private, or parochial schools, including homeschools, shall be placed initially at the discretion of the principal, pending observation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the principal. Criteria for placement may include:

1. Scores on achievement tests, which may be administered by appropriate District personnel.
2. Recommendation of the sending school.
3. Prior academic record.
4. Chronological age and social and emotional development of the student.
5. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal.

**TRANSFER
CREDIT**

The District shall validate high school credit for courses of transfer students from nonaccredited public, private, or parochial schools by testing or by other evidence that the courses meet State Board requirements and standards.

**PAYMENT FOR
ILLEGAL
ATTENDANCE**

If it is found that a student obtains admission to District schools through knowing misrepresentation of residency or other qualification, or knowing misrepresentation by the parent, guardian, or the person having lawful control of the student, the District shall notify them of its intention to remove the student from the rolls of the District ten days hence. ("Knowing" means that the party knew or should have known of the misrepresentation.) Parents may file a complaint regarding this action in accordance with GF(LOCAL).

In the event a student is removed from the District rolls because of failure to meet residency requirements or other qualifications, the student or parents may be billed an amount equal to actual expenditure per student in average daily attendance, determinable by the Board, minus the sum the District received from state aid sources.

WITHDRAWAL

Minor students may withdraw from school by presenting a request signed by the student's parent or guardian and stating the reason for the withdrawal. Students 18 or older may request withdrawal without a parent's or guardian's signature.

[For District withdrawal of students no longer in attendance, see FEA(LOCAL)]

**EXCHANGE
STUDENTS**

The District has requested and received a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to allow the District to limit the number of foreign exchange students in the District **in any academic year** to no more than five per high school **that is not closed to in-district transfers** ~~in any academic year.~~

For the 2006-2007 academic year only, the District shall accept those students who submit completed paperwork prior to the District receiving an amended waiver. In no instance shall the District accept greater than fifteen students.

Students shall be considered on a first-come, first-served basis after all required paperwork is complete. Organizations that have not previously followed District guidelines or have had histories of difficult or unsuccessful students may not be accepted.

An agency that sponsors an exchange student who would attend District schools shall receive approval from the Superintendent or designee before finding a host family to sponsor the student. The sponsoring agency and the host family shall complete all forms necessary for the placement of the exchange student before July 1 preceding the school year in which the student is to be enrolled.

There shall be a statement from the student, supported by a statement from the sponsoring agency, giving the educational/social objectives to be accomplished by the student while enrolled in District schools.

Exchange students shall be enrolled in the District schools and shall be treated as any other student on the same level. A translated transcript shall be required for students who desire high school credits from the District. ~~Exchange students shall be enrolled in grades 9, 10, or 11. Exchange students may not graduate from District high schools.~~ The District accepts no financial responsibilities for the students. No tuition shall be charged.

GRADING

Exchange students may possess varying levels of familiarity and expertise with the English language and traditional grading may be inappropriate for some of these students. The school principal shall have the discretion to award pass or fail course grades in lieu of traditional number grades when appropriate.