

Grade Level Closing-Administrative Regulations

May 11, 2010

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of administrative guidelines regarding the closings to student transfers of specific campuses by grade level due to projected enrollment, student growth, and campus classroom availability.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Assistant Superintendents of both Elementary and Secondary Academic Programs conducted a workshop with the Board of Trustees in the spring of 2006. The regulations regarding grade level closings are identical to the guidelines used for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010 school years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The establishment of the recommended guidelines of 85 % (19 to 1) of classroom capacity per grade level at the elementary level, and 92% of campus capacity per grade level at secondary campuses.

The continuation of these administrative regulations will limit the number of transfer's allowable at all DISD campuses, in particular those in fast growth areas. It is our goal to prevent students from being sent back to their home campus as a result of student growth in a particular attendance area. These administrative regulations provide our families much needed information regarding students transfer request.

FDB (Local) already outlines the policy framework for student transfers; these procedures serve as administrative regulations defining the limits of student enrollment per grade level.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

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PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

A database of all transfers will be kept in the offices of Secondary and Elementary Programs.

The Superintendent or designee will make final determination of grade level closings.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Allow student transfers knowing we will return students to their home campus when the grade level enrollment reaches capacity.

Establishment of a moratorium on all student transfers during this fast growth time frame.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The superintendent recommends the administrative guidelines be continued regarding grade level closing to student transfers as presented.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent
Roger Rutherford, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Programs

ATTACHMENT:

Current Enrollment by Grade Level

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

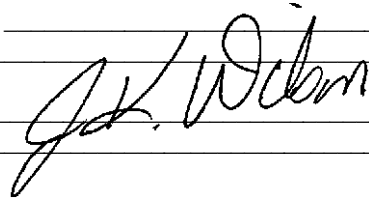
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