

Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: June 16, 2025

Agenda Item: Policy FDA (LOCAL) Admissions: Interdistrict Transfers

Background Information:

On June 15, 2020, the School Board Adopted this policy to allow transfer students on a tuition basis subject to admission criteria. The board set transfer tuition at \$1,000 for the first student and \$250 for each additional student to make it more affordable for families.

Policy FDA (LOCAL) states that the board will set the tuition amount.

Administrative Consideration:

Allowing transfer students helps increase school funding through higher enrollment numbers. The number of transfer students accepted are limited by criteria based on availability of space and instructional staff and the student's disciplinary history and attendance records.

The board should review this policy and tuition costs to determine if there should be a change to the fee. There are a handful of parents that still struggle to pay these fees. Phone calls are received on a regular basis regarding transferring to DISD and several do not apply because they cannot afford the tuition fee.

FDA Regulation allows tuition-free attendance for children of non-resident staff.

Budgetary Consideration:

Reducing or eliminating the fee would reduce amount collected from transfer students, however the district would still receive the per student ADA. \$48,000 in transfer tuition was collected in 2024-2025 with 118 transfer students.

Supporting Documents:

FDA (Local)
FDA (Regulation & Exhibit)
Transfer Application Form and Contract

Recommendation:

Consider tuition fees.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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