

Open Enrollment of Students Who Reside Outside the District

The Board of Trustees recognizes that some parents/guardians may want to enroll their children in a school that is located within a district other than where their primary residence is located. Therefore, this policy is adopted to allow all out-of-District patrons to choose among this District's schools under specified conditions. In making a decision on a student's open enrollment application, the Board of Trustees shall consider the needs of the student requesting the transfer as well as the other students affected by the transfer. A student currently under suspension or expulsion in this District or another district is not eligible for open enrollment under this policy, unless an exception is granted by the Board/Superintendent.

Transportation

Parents/guardians of a student accepted under this open enrollment policy will be responsible for transporting the accepted student. If bus space is available, then students accepted under the open enrollment policy may be transported from an appropriate, established bus stop within District boundaries.

Sports

Eligibility rules for participating in extracurricular activities shall apply to non-resident students who request to attend this district as described in this policy and any related procedures.

It is recommended that a student who is considering submitting an open enrollment application to this District and who anticipates participating in a sport governed by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) review IHSAA rules prior to submitting their open enrollment application. Certain school transfers could lead to a student being ineligible to play at the varsity level for one year.

Application/Approval Process

An open enrollment application must be submitted annually for admission to a specific school. Applications for enrollment in the subsequent school year will be accepted until class sizes are met or exceeded. This deadline shall be waived in the case of students who move out of the district during the school year.

The Superintendent shall establish a procedure for:

1. The method of determining which students are chosen when classroom space is limited;
2. Notifying parents of the action taken on the open enrollment application;
3. The factors which may cause an open enrollment application to be denied; and
4. The process for removing a student from a transfer school, including the grounds for removal, parent notification, and the appeal process.

Re-enrollment

As long as a transfer student continues to reapply for enrollment, the Superintendent shall treat that student as if he or she resides in that school's attendance area, except in the circumstances described below. To the extent possible, the Superintendent shall expedite the enrollment process.

In situations where class space is limited, the Superintendent may give priority to certain

students. Priorities may include, but are not limited to situations where a student:

1. Has parents employed by the District as a regular, non-temporary employee and are residents of the State of Idaho;
2. Was previously enrolled at the requested school during the prior year;
3. Has a brother or sister enrolled at the requested school;
4. Has a unique situation or extraordinary circumstances; or
5. A first-year enrolling transfer student.

Students who reside in the District and move out of Homedale School District during the school year must initiate an Open Enrollment request to stay in Homedale School District.

The Superintendent may deny an open enrollment request when such enrollment would negatively impact the efficient use of the District resources as described in Policy 3010P.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

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 truancies.
7. Parent/guardian will support the school rules, policies, and educational practices of the school and district.

All student's rights and responsibilities remain 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. If a student who is a resident of another district applies to this District and is accepted under the terms of this policy and fails to attend, they shall be ineligible to apply again for open enrollment in this 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.

Preventing or Recruiting Potential Open Enrollment Students

The District or its employees will not take any action to prohibit or prevent application by a student to attend school in another school district or to attend another school within the District. In no event is the District, or an employee of the District to recruit students outside of their attendance area. Violation of this policy may involve disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Evaluation of Policy

Annually, the Superintendent shall report to the Board the effect of this policy. His or her report should include the number of open enrollment requests accepted or denied by each school, the reasons for denial, and any unanticipated results of this policy.

Cross References: Policy 2240 Class Size
Policy 3080 Nonresident Student Attendance by Out of State Students

Legal References: I.C. § 33-512 Governance of Schools
I.C. § 33-1401 Transfer of Pupils - Definitions
I.C. § 33-1402 Enrollment Options
I.C. § 33-1404 Districts to Receive Pupils
I.C. § 33-2001 Education of Exception Children - Definitions

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