

Limited Schools of Choice Information--UPDATED

Board of Education Committee Meeting April 7, 2014

Background Information:

What is limited school of choice? The option to open enrollment, on a limited basis, to students who reside outside of LPS boundaries.

Section 105 and 105c in the MDE Pupil Accounting Manual (attached) allows districts to participate.

105—may accept students from within Wayne County

105c—may accept students from within Wayne County and contiguous ISDs (Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Washtenaw). *This option would include Clarenceville students.*

Note: Under 105c, there would need to be a written agreement between our district and the resident district for special education students who reside outside of the Wayne RESA ISD. The purpose of these agreements is to address the additional costs for special education programming and should be drafted for each individual special education student.

*We currently utilize this option for the following programs: International Baccalaureate at Franklin; ACAT at Webster; MACAT at Frost (as openings allow) and children of LPS employees (per state guidelines)

Key Guidelines per State Requirements:

*Must specify grades, schools and/or programs open to students (at least one of these—not all); district can identify “closed schools”

*Must provide notice to the general public (i.e.: newspaper announcement, website) that applications will be taken for a minimum of 15 days and maximum of a 30 day period. Notice must clearly identify process for applying and submitting applications.

*Cannot deny entry based on abilities, accomplishments or talents; cannot deny based on disabilities except if that child does not meet the requirements of a special magnet program (i.e.: Webster ACAT)

*If more students apply than there are spots available, all applicants are entered into a lottery. Applicants must be notified of date and time of lottery/random drawing. Conversely, if we have more openings at a grade level than anticipated, we may offer enrollment to more students in the order they appear on the waiting list created from the random draw. (This must take place between the third Monday in August and the end of the first week of school).

*Once approved for entry via 105 or 105c, the student may remain in the district without reapplying unless there is a “break” in enrollment (i.e.: he/she leaves to attend school in another district for a period of time)

*A district is not required to provide transportation for a nonresident pupil enrolled in the district under Sections 105 or 105c

*Tuition: The enrolling district receives the lesser of the foundation allowance between the pupil's resident district and the enrolling district.

*The Board of Education would have the opportunity to consider continuing or discontinuing offering Limited Schools of Choice each year.

Recommendation for 2014-15:

*Accept a limited number of out-of-district students under Section 105c guidelines

*Open up **ten (10) spots in each grade level K-4**; place where there is room without adding additional staff. Total: 50 approx. \$400,000 This would be equivalent to less than one per grade per school. District could place a maximum on a school (i.e.: Our *target* would be to have no more than 5-7 OOD students per school).

*Open up **five (5) spots in grade 5 & five (5) spots in grade 6**. Place according to space.

Total: 10 (across 3 schools) approx \$80,000

Total Revenue Enhancement: approx. \$480,000