

I. ATTENDANCE POLICIES

A. Eligibility for Enrollment

Non-resident students may attend Fort Smith Public Schools only by means of an approved application under the Public School Choice Act of 2015 (ACA 6-18-1901 et seq.), a tuition agreement between districts, or by means of a Student Legal Transfer.

School Choice applications must be submitted to the Department of Student Services prior to May 1 each year. Students approved for attendance in the District will be assigned, based on guidelines developed by the school administration, to a school for attendance purposes.

Student Legal Transfers require completion of a "Petition for Transfer of Students" form published by the Arkansas Department of Education. Submission of the completed ~~petition~~ petition must be made to the Executive Director of Student Services, must be made not later than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the semester in which the transfer is requested to take place. The District shall review and accept or reject requests for transfers, both into and out of the District, on a case by case basis. Approved requests shall take effect following Board action taken on the requests.

~~The petition will be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Executive Director of Student Services.~~ Denied petitions may be appealed to the ~~s~~School ~~b~~Board if written notification requesting the appeal is received by the Executive Director of Student Services at least five (5) days prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

School Choice and Legal Transfers may be limited to schools with sufficient capacity. Schools available for these transfers will be determined by the district administration.

The Board reserves the right, after a hearing before the Board, not to allow any person who has been expelled from another district to enroll as a student until the time of the person's expulsion has expired. District to district transfers will only be considered for enrollment at the start of a semester.

Reference: ASBA Model Policies.

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