

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FOR THE SHOREWOOD SCHOOL BOARD

Topic: Chapter 220 Recommendations for 2013-14

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Recommended action:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Information only
<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation/discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion/action by committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discussion/action by board of education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation/action next meeting

Recommendation(s):

The recommendation to the school board is that the School District of Shorewood adhere to the statutes of Chapter 220 (sec. 121.85) and maintain 141 seats for continuing students already attending school in our schools for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year.

Purpose:

Each year a recommendation is created the number of seats that will be made available for Chapter 220 students for the coming year and presented to the school board. The final decision of the Shorewood School Board is then submitted for approval to the Milwaukee Public Schools School Board. Completion of this recommendation permits us to inform parents who inquire about openings in the district prior to the start of the application window in January.

Background:

Chapter 220, the Voluntary Student Transfer Program, aims to racially integrate schools. Minority students including African Americans, Asians, Hispanic and Native Americans may apply to attend school in Shorewood. All eligible from the Milwaukee Public Schools are provided information about available seats, a description of each suburban district, and policy and procedures pertaining to the Chapter 220 program.

The program supports transfers of minority students from a school district where at least 30 percent of pupils enrolled are minority to a school district where less than 30 percent of pupils enrolled are minority (and vice-versa). At the beginning of this school year (Fall 2012) the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction sent a letter to the School District of Shorewood indicating that we had surpassed the 30 percent minority student enrollment requirement that must be met in order to open additional Chapter 220 seats. This means that our school district can and will maintain our support for our existing Chapter 220 students but, that we cannot open more seats for the 2013-14 school year. If for any reason in the future the minority student enrollment numbers in the School District of Shorewood dip below 30%, we can again recommend to the school board that the school district open up seats.

As of the most recent third Friday count (September) the School District of Shorewood has 151 students enrolled in the district via the Chapter 220 program, K4-12. We anticipate that 10 seniors (enrolled through the Chapter 220 program) will graduate in June 2013.

Attachment(s):

WI Chapter 220 Interdistrict Transfer Program Overview