



BOARD MEETING DATE
March 17, 2014

HB4007 OREGON INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER PROCESS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

House Bill 4007 was enacted by the February 2014 Legislature and provides new rules for school choice for Oregon students. HB4007 allows local School Boards to decide how many students to accept and release under the new law.

HB4007 will be applied to the 2014-15 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Beaverton School Board discuss the impact of Inter-District transfers for Beaverton School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Summary of HB 4007

- A school board may only require the following information prior to deciding whether to give consent: name, contact information, date of birth, and grade level of the student. A school district may be prevented or otherwise limited from providing consent, as provided by ORS 339.115 (8).
- Preference may be given to current non-resident students on transfer to fill slots first. Siblings may be considered. This is a one-time allowance for current 2013-14 transfer students.
- The non-resident district determines the length of transfer.
- Annually the board determines whether to limit the number of students to who consent is given, as well as the number of students who may be released to other districts.
- Resident district can approve release or not (with written explanation as to the reason for denial).
- ODE will define what constitutes a severe hardship. During the school year, based upon urgent health and safety needs of a student, transfer requests may be agreed upon by both superintendents.
- Students who move out of the resident district and wish to complete the school year may do so upon agreement of both superintendents. This agreement allows the students to complete that school year only.
- Currently, BSD has 130 unfilled slots from our open enrollment process:
 - 35 slots at 6 elementary schools
 - 56 slots at 4 middle schools
 - 39 slots at 1 high school
- Currently, 66 non-resident students in grades 1 through 11 are attending school in BSD.
- Grandfathered non-resident students from the 2011-2012 school year include 52 students in grades 1 through 11. These students have the option to remain in BSD through grade 12.
- In 2013-14, BSD has 99 students transferring out of our district, and 66 new transfers into our district.

Next Steps

- 1) Give preference to the 66 new transfers from this school year, and consider their siblings, if any. Open our unfilled 130 open enrollment slots. This would provide 196 slots. Final number to be determined.
- 2) Prior to the application window, there is a need for the board to determine the number of students we will release to other districts, and the number of students we will accept, by an established annual date. (Suggest February for next year.)
- 3) There is a need for the board to determine the length of time for which consent is given to non-resident students (one year, end of level, or through 12th grade).
- 4) There is a need for the district to determine the window to accept applications. This year, we suggest April 1st through May 30th, then a rolling window until all slots are filled.