Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

STUDENTS

For purposes of this policy the term "non-public school student" is any student who is enrolled in a non-public school (including a home school or private school), enrolled in a public charter school, or enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Any non-public school student will be allowed to enroll in the District and be entitled to participate in any curricular or extracurricular program, subject to the same requirements as other students who are enrolled full-time in the District and subject to the requirements set forth below in this policy.

Additionally, the District shall have an option for joint enrollment in a regular public school and in an alternative school.

Non-public school students admitted to the District shall only be on school property during the hours of enrollment or as otherwise indicated by the Superintendent or Principal. The District will not be responsible for the student during non-enrollment hours or times. Any transportation needs for such students not provided for otherwise under this policy during the school day shall be the sole responsibility of the student and his or her parents or guardian.

Admittance

The parent/legal guardian of any non-public school student wishing to admit their son or daughter in this District for any academic or nonacademic program must register the student and provide the following prior to acceptance of any such student:

- 1. Birth certificate or other proof of birth date and place as described in Policy 3000;
- 2. Evidence of residency within the District;
- 3. Immunization records or an appropriate waiver; and
- 4. Student records from the previously attended public school, if any, and any other records providing academic background information.

Dual enrolled students may enter any program available to other students subject to the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance that apply to any student's participation, and must comply with the registration procedures required by the District as well as policies, regulations, and rules will including, but not be limited to, those relating to attendance, grades, prerequisites, classroom conduct, and discipline. In some cases, testing may be necessary to identify appropriate placement for the student.

A nonpublic student must meet all prerequisites for enrollment for a program or activity which is required of public school students. However, the District may prepare and administer tests for

equivalency of the prerequisites, the successful completion of which may be substituted for the prerequisite course.

Extracurricular Activities

The following rules apply for a non-public school student to be eligible to participate in nonacademic school activities, such as extracurricular activities, for which public school students must demonstrate academic proficiency or eligibility:

- 1. Eligibility standards must be met as with other regular full-time students;
- 2. The non-public school student must, on any State Board of Education recognized achievement test, portfolio, or other mechanism, demonstrate composite grade-level academic proficiency;
- 3. The non-public school student must achieve a minimum composite, core, or survey test score within the average or higher than average range as established by the test service utilized on any nationally-normed test. The minimum score on each assessment is the fifth stanine for the battery total score. The parents or guardian of a dual enrollment student are responsible for obtaining third party testing for their child at their expense in accordance with I.C. 33-203 and State Board of Education rules. Demonstrated proficiency shall be used to determine eligibility for the current and next school year, not to exceed a period of 12 months from the date the test results are released;
- 4. Non-public school students must be provided the opportunity to take State tests or other standardized tests given to all regularly enrolled public school students when prearranged with the principal of the building where the student is registered. A fee may be assessed to cover extra administration costs. It shall be the responsibility of the student or their parent/guardian to make all arrangements to take the required test and provide the principal of the school with the results of the test prior to being granted athletic eligibility at the public high school.
- 5. For the purposes of this policy, "portfolio" shall mean a collection of materials that documents and demonstrates a student's academic and work-based learning. Although there is no standard format for a portfolio, it typically includes many forms of information that exhibit the student's knowledge, skills and interests.
- 6. A non-public school student will be subject to the same requirements as public school students regarding school attendance on the date of an activity. If the non-public school student is not scheduled to attend academic courses in the District on activity days, the non-public school student's primary education provider shall provide assurance to the District that such student has met the attendance requirements in the non-public school academic setting. The primary education provider shall also be responsible for the oversight of any other academic standards relating to participation in nonacademic

activities. The term "primary education provider" refers to the person or entity providing the majority of the nonpublic student's educational instruction outside the public school.

- 7. The student must comply with the same rules and requirements that apply to any student's participation in the same activity.
- 8. Students enrolled in and attending an alternative school program, who compete in IHSAA sponsored athletic programs must, must comply with the IHSAA Individual Eligibility Rule.

Average Daily Attendance

Students who are dual enrolled (i.e., enrolled on a part-time basis) shall be used in calculating the District's State fund, but only to the extent of the student's participation in District programs.

Priority

Priority for enrollment, when school programs reach maximum capacities, will be given to students enrolled on a regular full-time basis. If a number of non-public school students request admission into the same class, they will be accepted on a first-come basis. In the event the class enrollment position of a non-public school student is needed for a regular full-time student during the course of the year, the non-public student shall not be disenrolled to provide space for the full-time student. The full-time student will have priority for the position beginning with the semester after the need is identified.

Transportation

All non-public school students will be eligible for District transportation services. A public charter school student or nonpublic student, upon admission to a school in this District, may ride a school bus on regularly scheduled routes, including activity bus routes, and use regularly established bus stops or stops which would require no deviation from the regularly established bus route. No alteration of routes will be made to specially accommodate a dual enrollment student. If a dual enrollment student attends only part time, the District may furnish transportation at the regularly scheduled time closest to the time period for which a student is enrolled (i.e., morning busing for a.m. classes or afternoon busing for p.m. classes). The District will not provide such transportation if there is no available space, if the furnishing of such transportation would cause a deviation or alteration of the regularly established bus routes or stops, or if the furnishing of such transportation would require the purchase of additional or substitute equipment.

Graduation

In order to graduate from this District, all non-public school students must meet the grade and other graduation requirements the same as regular full-time students.

Mixed Curriculum

If a public charter school student or nonpublic student wishes to attend activities or programs in a particular discipline, in a class or grade where the curriculum is merged or integrated, such request shall be made in writing particularizing the subject matter presentation which the student desires to attend (i.e., art instruction in a third grade class). The teacher and principal of that school shall, upon request, provide scheduling information to the dual enrollment student. It shall be the dual enrollment student's responsibility to contact the District and ascertain when such subject matter will be presented. Where certain subject matter is integrated into a mixed curriculum, no change in the presentation of that curriculum needs to be made because of a nonpublic student's request for attendance. It is also the intent of this policy to ensure that the teacher's right to integrate disciplines and be flexible in planning and modifying the daily classroom presentations shall not be hindered or restricted in any way.

IDEA/ADA/Section 504 Students

Parents who wish dual enrollment students to be enrolled in special programs must comply with the requirements of the Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). Requests by parents for an evaluation of the student by the multidisciplinary or child study team shall determine if special services are appropriate for the student. Provided special services are needed by the student, programs will be provided when possible. Until such determination is made, such special educational services or accommodations will not be provided.

Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-203	Dual Enrollment
	I.C. § 33-1001, et. seq.	Average Daily Attendance
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