

Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

STUDENTS

3010

Open Enrollment by Students Who Reside Within and Outside the District

The School Board of Trustees recognizes that some of its patrons may want to enroll their children in a different school than the school that serves the attendance area in which they reside. The Board also recognizes that some out-of-District parents/guardians may want to send their child to a District school. Therefore, this policy is adopted to allow all in-District and out-of-District patrons to choose among this District's schools under specified conditions. In making a decision on a student's open enrollment application, the Board of Trustees shall consider the needs of the student requesting the transfer as well as the other students affected by the transfer. A student currently under suspension or expulsion in this District or another district is not eligible for open enrollment under this policy.

Due process for all students remains the same regardless of what school they attend within the District and regardless of where the student resides once accepted under the open enrollment policy.

The District shall not be required to develop new programs or expand existing programs in order to accommodate students who wish to enroll under this policy unless otherwise required by State or federal law.

Transportation

Parents/guardians of a student accepted under this open enrollment policy will be responsible for transporting the accepted student. If bus space is available, then students accepted under the open enrollment policy may be transported from an appropriate, established bus stop within District boundaries.

Sports

Eligibility rules for participating in extracurricular activities shall apply to students who request to attend a different school as described in this policy and any related procedures.

It is recommended that a student who is considering submitting an open enrollment application to this District, and who anticipates participating in a sport governed by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) review IHSAA rules prior to submitting their open enrollment application. Certain school transfers could lead to a student being ineligible to play at the varsity level for one year.

Application/Approval Process

Applications will be accepted from January 1 to February 1 of each year for enrollment in the subsequent school year. This deadline shall be waived in the case of students who move out of

their attendance zone during the school year.

The Superintendent shall establish a procedure for:

1. The method of determining which students are chosen when classroom space is limited;
2. Notifying parents of the action taken on the open enrollment application;
3. The factors which may cause an open enrollment application to be denied; and
4. The process for removing a student from a transfer school, including the grounds for removal, parent notification, and the appeal process.

Re-enrollment

As long as a transfer student continues to reapply for enrollment, the Superintendent shall treat that student as if he or she resides in that school's attendance area, except in the circumstances described below. To the extent possible, the Superintendent shall expedite the enrollment process.

Students who reside in the District and move out of their school attendance zone during the school year must initiate an Open Enrollment request to stay in their school.

The Superintendent may deny an open enrollment request when such enrollment would negatively impact the efficient use of the District resources as described in 3010P.

Revocation of a Transfer

Transfer students are required to comply with all District policies. Unacceptable behaviors by a transfer student or false or misleading information on their open enrollment application are grounds for the District to remove a transfer student at any time. If a student's open enrollment transfer is revoked, the parent/guardian may request an administrative review by the Superintendent. The Board may review the Superintendent's decision.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All student's rights and responsibilities remain the same regardless of what school they attend within the District and regardless of where the student resides once accepted under the open enrollment policy.

Preventing or Recruiting Potential Open Enrollment Students

Neither the District nor its employees will not take any action to prohibit or prevent application by a student to attend school in another school district or to attend another school within the District. In no event is the District, or an employee of the District to recruit students outside of their attendance area. Violation of this policy may involve disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Evaluation of Policy

Annually, the Superintendent shall report to the Board the effect of this policy. His or her report should include the number of open enrollment requests accepted or denied by each school, the reasons for denial, and any unanticipated results of this policy.

Cross Reference: 2240
3080

Class Size
Nonresident Student Attendance by Out of State Students

Legal Reference: I.C. §33-512
I.C. §33-1401
I.C. §33-1402
I.C. §33-1404
I.C. §33-2001

Governance of Schools
Transfer of Pupils - Definitions
Enrollment Options
Districts to Receive Pupils
Education of Exceptional Children - Definitions

Policy History:

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