

5117 Interdistrict Attendance

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of students who reside within the geographic boundaries of one district may, for a variety of reasons, desire to enroll their children in a school in another district.

The Board may enter into an agreement with any other school district, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of students who are residents of the districts. (Education Code 46600)

The agreement shall specify the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. It also may contain standards agreed upon by both districts for reapplication and/or revocation of the student's permit. (Education Code 46600)

Upon receiving a permit for transfer into the district that has been approved by the student's district of residence, or upon receiving a written request from the parent/guardian of a district student who wishes to enroll in another district, the Superintendent or designee shall review the request and may approve or deny the permit subject to the terms and conditions of the interdistrict attendance agreement.

Interdistrict attendance as described in this policy applies to the district's TK-8 program only and is not applicable to other programs including, but not limited to summer school, preschool, independent study, and district childcare programs.

Enrollment Priority

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the district or the attendance area. (Education Code 35160.5)

The district shall grant priority as follows:

1. Any student whose parent/guardian is a regular, non-short term, non-temporary employee of the Etiwanda School District. (Education Code 35160.5)
2. Student seeking enrollment through an interdistrict transfer permit with a sibling already in attendance at the school site.

Application and Selection Process

In order to ensure that priorities for enrollment in district schools are implemented in accordance with law, applications for interdistrict transfers, shall be submitted between the first Monday in January and the first Friday in February of the school year preceding the school year for which the transfer is requested.

The Superintendent or designee shall calculate each school's or program's capacity in a non-arbitrary manner using student enrollment and available space. (Education Code 35160.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall use a random, unbiased selection process to determine who shall be admitted whenever the school receives admission requests that are in excess of the school's or program's capacity. (Education Code 35160.5)

Enrollment decisions shall not be based on a student's academic or athletic performance, except that existing entrance criteria for specialized schools or programs may be used provided that the criteria are uniformly applied to all applicants. Academic performance may be used to determine eligibility for, or placement in, programs for gifted and talented students. (Education Code 35160.5)

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The District reserves the right to deny an interdistrict transfer request at any time. The District may, however, allow a student who submits a request after the commencement of the school year to remain at the school site of attendance through the end of that school year.

Transportation

Upon parent/guardian request, the district shall provide transportation assistance to a student receiving an interdistrict transfer who is eligible for free and reduced price meals and is the child of an active duty military parent/guardian or a victim of bullying, as defined in Education Code 46600. (Education Code 46600)

Except as noted above, the district shall not provide transportation outside any school attendance area. Upon request of a student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation for any interdistrict transfer student to and from designated bus stops within the attendance area of the school that the student attends if space is available priority for such transportation shall be based on demonstrated financial need.

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