

INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Enrollment under the No Child Left Behind Act

Within a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 10 school days, after a student becomes the victim of a violent criminal offense while on school grounds, the student's parents/guardians shall be offered an option to transfer their child to an eligible school identified by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall consider the student's needs and parent/guardian preferences in making the school assignment. If the parents/guardians choose to transfer their child, the transfer shall be completed as soon as practicable.

Within 10 school days after learning that a school has been designated as "persistently dangerous," the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the school's designation. Within 20 school days after learning of the school's designation, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their option to transfer.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Parents/guardians who desire to transfer their child out of a "persistently dangerous" school shall provide written notification to the Superintendent or designee and shall rank-order their preferences from among all schools identified by the Superintendent or designee as eligible to receive transfer students. The Superintendent or designee may establish a reasonable timeline, not to exceed 10 school days, for the submission of parent/guardian requests.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their school assignment within 10 school days of the date that submissions are due. The Superintendent or designee shall consider the needs and preferences of students and parents/guardians before making an assignment, but is not obligated to accept the parent/guardian's preference if the assignment is not feasible due to space constraints or other considerations. Upon assignment, the transfer shall be completed as soon as practicable. If parents/guardians decline the assigned school, the student may remain in his/her current school.

The transfer shall remain in effect as long as the student's school of origin is identified as "persistently dangerous." The Superintendent or designee may choose to make the transfer permanent based on the educational needs of the student, parent/guardian preferences, and other factors affecting the student's ability to succeed if returned to the school of origin.

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with neighboring districts to develop an interdistrict transfer program in the event that space is not available in a district school.

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Agreements)

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Other Intradistrict Enrollment

To implement intradistrict open enrollment pursuant to Education Code 35160.5:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall identify those schools which may have space available for additional students. A list of these schools and open enrollment applications shall be available at all school offices.
2. Students of parents/guardians who submit applications to the district by April 1 shall be eligible for admission to their school of choice the following school year under the district's open enrollment policy.
3. Enrollment in a school of choice shall be determined by lot from the eligible applicant pool, and a waiting list shall be established to indicate the order in which applicants may be accepted if openings occur during the year. Late applicants shall not be added to the waiting list for the current year.
4. The Superintendent or designee shall inform applicants by mail as to whether their applications have been approved, denied or placed on a waiting list. If the application is denied, the reasons for denial shall be stated.
5. Approved applicants must confirm their enrollment within 10 school days.

Once enrolled, a student shall not be required to apply for readmission. However, the student may be subject to displacement due to excessive enrollment.

Any complaints regarding the selection process shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

Notifications

Notifications shall be sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year describing all current statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the district. Such notification shall include: (Education Code 48980)

1. All options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)

(cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)

2. Program options offered within local attendance areas

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3. A description of any special program options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis
4. A description of the procedure for application for alternative attendance areas or programs and the appeals process available, if any, when a change of attendance is denied
5. A district application form for requesting a change of attendance
6. The explanation of attendance options under California law as provided by the California Department of Education