

Through Assembly Bills (AB) 2826 and 2949, California lawmakers demonstrated a concerted effort to make the interdistrict transfer process more accessible to families, as well as provide additional protections to students of military families, who are often subject to frequent school changes.

Assembly Bill 2826 - Pupil Enrollment: Interdistrict Attendance:

AB 2826 strives to make the interdistrict transfer process more transparent and timely for families. Under the new law, which amends Education Code sections 46600 et seq., school districts have the following obligations starting on January 1, 2019:

Post the district's interdistrict transfer procedures on the district's website, including:

- A link to the district's policies on interdistrict transfers
 - BP 5117- <http://www.gamutonline.net/district/exeter/DisplayPolicy/912597/5>
 - AR 5117- <http://www.gamutonline.net/district/exeter/DisplayPolicy/956776/5>
 - AR 5117.1- <http://www.gamutonline.net/district/exeter/DisplayPolicy/912598/5>
 - E 5117.1- <http://www.gamutonline.net/district/exeter/DisplayPolicy/912599/5>

- The date when the district will accept and process requests for the subsequent school year- AR 5117.1
 - Applications will be accepted after June 1 for the school year beginning in August and will be processed in the order received.
 - Secondary students wishing to transfer into the Exeter Union High School District must meet requirements for entry into high school. Approval of the interdistrict attendance request will be based on space available in the program indicated by the assessment results. (cf. 6146.3 - Formal Admission Criteria for Entry to High School)
 - If the district of residence approves the transfer, an agreement/permit will be issued, signed by an authorized representative of the district.
 - If either the district of residence or the receiving district denies the request, it will advise the parent/guardian in writing of the reason(s) for the denial and advise the parent/guardian of the appeal procedures.

- The reasons for approval or denial of a request- AR 5117.1
 - The Superintendent or designee may approve an interdistrict attendance permit for a student for any of the following reasons when stipulated in the agreement:
 - When the student has been determined by staff of either the district of residence or district of proposed attendance to be a victim of an act of bullying as defined in Education Code 48900(r). Such a student shall be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing interdistrict attendance agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, shall be given consideration for the creation of a new permit. (Education Code 46600); (cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
 - To meet the child care needs of the student. Such a student may be allowed to continue to attend district schools only as long as he/she continues to use a

child care provider within district boundaries. (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

- To meet the student's special mental or physical health needs as certified by a physician, school psychologist, or other appropriate school personnel. (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
 - When the student has a sibling attending school in the receiving district, to avoid splitting the family's attendance.
 - To allow the student to complete a school year when his/her parents/guardians have moved out of the district during that year.
 - To allow the student to remain with a class graduating that year from an elementary, middle, or senior high school.
 - To allow a high school senior to attend the same school he/she attended as a junior, even if his/her family moved out of the district during the junior year.
 - When the parent/guardian provides written evidence that the family will be moving into the district in the immediate future and would like the student to start the year in the district.
 - When the student will be living out of the district for one year or less.
 - When recommended by the school attendance review board or by county child welfare, probation, or social service agency staff in documented cases of serious home or community problems which make it inadvisable for the student to attend the school of residence. (cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy); (cf. 5113.12 - District School Attendance Review Board)
 - When there is valid interest in a particular educational program not offered in the district of residence.
 - To provide a change in school environment for reasons of personal and social adjustment.
- The district may refuse to issue an interdistrict attendance permit if:
- Educating the student would result in additional cost to the district in excess of state funds.
 - The student, either while previously attending school in the district or while attending school in another district, failed to meet the reasonable standards of Exeter Public Schools relating to behavior, attendance or diligence to studies.
 - Space is not available for out-of-district students in the grade or program requested based on current or anticipated enrollment in said grade/program.
 - The student fails to satisfy such criteria as the district may establish which shall not be based on race, ethnicity, gender or parent income.
 - The student is under consideration for expulsion or has been expelled from another school district. The parent/guardian or student must inform the district to which an interdistrict transfer is being requested of the student's status in regard to expulsion. When asked to supply information about an expulsion or possible expulsion, the expelling district is required to respond within five days of receiving the request.

- The number of transfers out of the district exceeds 3% of the current estimated ADA.
- Any information or documents that must be submitted as supporting evidence in a request- AR 5117.1
 - Students wishing to transfer from Exeter Union/Exeter Union High School District must complete an interdistrict attendance request which is obtained from the district office.
 - Students wishing to transfer into Exeter Union/Exeter Union High School District must complete a form provided by their district of residence.
- If applicable, the process and timelines by which a denial may be appealed within the school district- AR 5117
 - Within 30 calendar days of a request for an interdistrict permit, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of a student who is denied interdistrict attendance regarding the process for appeal to the County Board of Education as specified in Education Code 46601. (Education Code 46601)
- Failure to adhere to timelines will be deemed an abandonment of the request
- The conditions for when an existing permit may be revoked or rescinded- AR 5117.1
 - A student's interdistrict permit may be revoked during the term of the agreement or at the end of the school year due to:
 - Excessive truancy or tardiness.
 - Excessive absences (excused or unexcused) which disrupt the educational program of the student.
 - Continual disruption of the educational program (disciplinary issues).
 - Poor academic achievement; lack of diligence to studies.
 - Falsification of information stated on the permit application.

Applicable timelines for processing a request, including those set out below.

Process Interdistrict Transfer Requests as follows:

- The District will notify the parent submitting a current year request of its final decision within 30 calendar days of receipt.
- The District will notify the parent submitting a future year request of its decision as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days after the start of the instruction in the school year for which the transfer is sought;
- The District will provide written notice of the parents' right to appeal to the county board of education within 30 calendar days from the final date of a denial- AR 5117
- The District will provisionally admit students to a requested district, based on their evidence that a final decision is pending with a district of residence, proposed district, or county board of education- AR 5117