

INTER-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Board of Education wishes to offer an open enrollment program. The Board shall allow the enrollment of students from any district in Ohio, provided the enrollment is in accordance with laws and regulations of the State of Ohio pertaining to Inter-District Open Enrollment and the provisions of this policy.

A. Admissions Criteria

1. Admission for open enrollment shall not require a particular level of academic ability, athletic ability, artistic ability, or extra-curricular skills.
2. A student's application may be denied if they were suspended or expelled for ten (10) consecutive days or more by another district during the current semester or the immediately preceding semester.
3. A student receiving special education services under Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code may have their application denied if the District does not currently provide the services described in the student's IEP.
4. Students currently open enrolled to Field Local Schools may be denied open enrollment in a subsequent year if they accumulate ten (10) or more unexcused absences or are suspended or expelled (10) consecutive or more days during the school year.
5. A student's application may be denied if the grade level, building or program is at capacity. The Superintendent or designee shall establish written procedures for making the determination of capacity.
6. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are completed and submitted. First priority will be given to resident students in the District. Once all such students are enrolled, students currently open enrolled in the Field Local Schools will be given priority over new applicants for open enrollment.

B. Other Provisions

1. No transportation will be provided to Open Enrollment students outside District boundaries.
2. Athletic eligibility of open enrolled students will be determined in accordance with state law and the rules and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

3. The Superintendent or designee shall establish additional procedures for applications for open enrollment, including the timelines and deadlines for application and notifications when an application is accepted or rejected. Communications from the District and application materials will clearly state the timelines and deadlines for application and notification.
4. The Superintendent shall periodically review the impact of this Inter-District Open Enrollment Policy to determine if it has adversely affected maintenance of an appropriate racial balance in the District. If it is determined that such an adverse effect has occurred, the Superintendent shall consult with legal counsel to determine if policy revisions or other action needs to be taken to comply with state or federal law.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.98

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