

### **INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT**

The Board of Education of the Cuyahoga Falls City School District shall permit students from any other school district in the state to apply and enroll in the Cuyahoga Falls City School District, provided that the laws and regulations of the state and the policy and procedures as outlined in the guidelines are followed.

Open enrollment applications are accepted the month of April (of the current school year) for consideration for the following school year. Students in grades 1-12 will be notified by the end of July (of the current school year), while incoming kindergarten students will be notified prior to the start of the new school year in August.

Resident students will be given enrollment priority followed by previously approved/enrolled Inter-District open enrolled students. Siblings of non-district students previously enrolled in the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools will be given priority over first-time applicants.

Should a concern arise regarding racial balance in one or more of the district's schools, the Superintendent shall consult with legal counsel to determine the appropriate steps that should be taken, including, but not limited to, any necessary policy revisions and other actions necessary to comply with State and Federal law. The Superintendent shall then make the appropriate recommendations to the Board. It should be noted that as of May 5, 2004, there are no racially isolated buildings within the school district.

The Superintendent shall prepare guidelines for the implementation of this policy in ways that comply with relevant State laws and guidelines and establish procedures that provide for the following:

- A. Nondiscrimination on the basis of grade level, including preschool disabled; academic ability; English language proficiency; or any level of artistic, athletic, or extra-curricular skills. A student's application cannot be denied because of disciplinary action in his/her home school, except for a suspension or expulsion for ten (10) days or more that occurs in the current semester or the semester immediately preceding the application. If the district does not currently provide services required for a disabled, adjacent-district student, his/her application may be denied.
- B. Application procedures including the criteria by which applications from adjacent-district and other-district students shall be reviewed and prioritized. District students and any adjacent-district or other-school district students previously enrolled under the provisions of this policy shall be given priority.
- C. Maintenance of appropriate racial balance in district schools, classrooms, and programs.

- D. Communication with applicants and their parents concerning this policy and the district's guidelines, including the timelines for application and notification of acceptance or rejection.
- E. Athletic eligibility complies with State regulations and the provisions set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.98

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