

William S. Hart UHS District

Board Policy

Students

BP 5116.1(a)

INTRADISTRICT ATTENDANCE AND OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Governing Board desires to provide enrollment options that meet the diverse needs and interests of District students and parents/guardians, while also maximizing the efficient use of District facilities. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection and transfer of students among District schools in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

Students who reside within District boundaries may apply for enrollment in any District school without regard to the location of a student's residence within the District. Once enrolled, a student shall not have to apply for readmission in subsequent years.

If a District school receiving Title I funds is identified for program improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, all students enrolled in that school shall be provided an option to transfer to another District school or charter school. (20 USC 6316)

The Superintendent or designee shall grant priority to any District student to attend another District school, including a charter school, outside of his/her attendance area as follows:

1. Any student enrolled in a District school that has been identified on the state's Open Enrollment Act list (Education Code 48354)

(cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

2. Any student who is a victim of a violent crime while on school grounds (20 USC 7912)
3. Upon a finding that special circumstances exist that might be harmful or dangerous to the student in the current attendance area.
4. A court order, including a temporary restraining order and injunction
5. Any sibling of a student already in attendance in that school
6. Any student whose parent/guardian is a full-time employee of the District may elect school of choice for his/her child/children.

(cf. 0420.4 – Charter Schools)

(cf. 0520.2 – Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 6171 Title I Programs)

7. Any student enrolled in a District school designated by the California Department of Education as "persistently dangerous" (20 USC 7912; 5 CCR 11992)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

In order to ensure that priorities for enrollment in District schools are implemented in accordance with law, applications for intradistrict open enrollment shall be submitted between January and May of the school year preceding the school year for which the transfer is requested.

(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)

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

Except as noted below with regard to siblings and ethnic balance, a random, unbiased selection process for the admission of students who apply for transfer from outside a school's attendance area shall be established. This process will be applied if the requests for transfer exceed the established capacity of a school or grade level at a school.

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced from his/her school of residence by another student.

(cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)

Under this policy, siblings shall have the option to attend the same school concurrently.

The District may limit transfers by any one student both in number and in frequency so as to promote reasonable continuity in that student's educational program.

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)

Student transportation to and from a school outside a student's attendance area of residence shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian.

Excessive tardiness to school or absence from school because of transportation problems shall be sufficient reason for the District to revoke a student's permission to attend a school outside his/her attendance area of residence.

Attendance at a school within the District but outside a student's attendance area of residence shall have no effect on that student's eligibility to participate in any program of the school that the student attends; however, this may be modified for athletic programs by the California Interscholastic Federation.

The District shall not be obligated to provide transportation for students who attend school outside their attendance area.

Nothing in this policy shall preclude transfers of students between schools by administrative action at any time.

See next page for Legal References:

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35291 Rules

35351 Assignment of students to particular schools

48980 Notice at beginning of term

Crawford v. Board of Education (1976) 17 Cal.3d 280

CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE V

11992-11994 Definition of Persistently Dangerous Schools

(20 USC 6316)

(20 USC 7912)

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