

Book Policy Manual

Section 5000 Students

Title INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Code 5116.1 BP

Status Active

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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)

The parents/guardians of any student who resides within district boundaries may apply to enroll their child in any district school, regardless of the location of their residence within the district. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

The Board shall annually review this policy. (Education Code 35160.5, 48980)

## **Enrollment Priorities**

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)

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 designated by the California Department of Education as "persistently dangerous" (20 USC 7912; 5 CCR 11992)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

- 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. Special circumstances include, but are not limited to, threats of bodily harm or threats to the emotional stability of the student. Any such student may transfer to a district school that is at capacity and otherwise closed to transfers. To grant priority under these

circumstances, the Superintendent or designee must have received either: (Education Code 35160.5)

- a. A written statement from a representative of an appropriate state or local agency, including, but not necessarily limited to, a law enforcement official, social worker, or a properly licensed or registered professional such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, or marriage and family therapist
- b. A court order, including a temporary restraining order and injunction
- 4. Any sibling of a student already in attendance in that school (Education Code 35160)
- 5. Any student whose parent/guardian is a SBSD employee and is assigned to that school as his/her primary place of employment who works (Education Code 35160):
  - a. A 50% or more contract (certificated)
  - b. Four (4) hours or more per day (classified)
- 6. Any student residing in Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) 1999-1 and 2004-1 to attend Solana Ranch School.
- 7. Any student whose parent/guardian is a SBSD employee who works:
  - a. A 50% or more contract (certificated)
  - b. Four (4) hours or more per day (classified)

## **Application and Selection Process**

School capacities and class size mandates/guidelines are established to optimize the use of existing facilities and to maintain relatively balanced enrollments.

All District schools offer high quality instructional programs addressing the District's mission, goals, and adopted curricula. However, parents/guardians may wish to apply to other District schools in order to take advantage of specialized or innovative programs, or to meet other family needs.

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 the first full three weeks in February, preceding the school year for which the transfer is requested. If a student's address changes within the SBSD boundaries at any time, an intradistrict open enrollment request may be submitted for consideration to continue attending the current school.

Students may request placement at another Solana Beach School District school outside of the approved intradistrict open enrollment timeline for extraordinary circumstances. If approved, an intradistrict open enrollment request must be submitted for the student to remain at the school of transfer during the next intradistrict open enrollment application submission timeline.

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 for priorities listed above, the Superintendent or designee shall use a random, unbiased selection process to determine who shall be admitted whenever the school receives admission requests that are in excess of the school's capacity. (Education Code 35160.5)

## Revocation of Transfer

The Superintendent or designee may revoke an intradistrict open enrollment agreement and return the student to the school of residence based on behavior, absenteeism, tardiness, early drop-offs, early or late pick-ups, poor academic performance, and/or if the status of employment changes under priority numbers 5 and 7.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 200Prohibition against discrimination 35160.5District policies; rules and regulations

35291Rules

35351Assignment of students to particular schools

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements

48200 Compulsory attendance

48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

48350-48361Open Enrollment Act

48980Notice at beginning of term

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11992-11994Definition of persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311State plans

7912Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

COURT DECISIONS

Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District, (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

85 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.95 (2002)

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Public School Choice FAQs

Every Student Succeeds Act 2016-17 School Year Transition Plan, April 2016

U.S.DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Frequently Asked Questions, rev. May4, 2016

Unsafe School Choice Option, May 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA:http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

U.S.Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov