

## Policy 5117: Interdistrict Attendance

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of students who reside within the geographic boundaries of one district may, for a variety of reasons, desire to enroll their children in a school in another district.¶¶

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~~Following the principle that the financial and educational responsibility for a student's education rests primarily with the school district of legal residence, it is the policy of the Governing Board that students should attend school in the district of legal residence.¶¶~~

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~~The Board discourages transfers into the District and will consider approving such transfers only on a case-by-case basis through an inter-district attendance agreement or as otherwise required by law. The Board Student transfers into and out of the district shall be in accordance with law and as specified in this policy and accompanying administrative regulation.~~

### **OPTION 1: Interdistrict Attendance Agreements and Permits**

The district may enter into an agreement with any other school district, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the ~~inter-district~~interdistrict attendance of students who are residents of the ~~districts.~~either district. (Education Code 46600)

The agreement shall specify the terms and conditions under which ~~inter-district~~interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. ~~It also~~Additionally, it may contain standards agreed upon by both districts for reapplication and/or revocation of the student's permit. (Education Code 46600) ~~Upon receiving a permit for transfer into the district that has been approved by the student's district of residence, or upon receiving a written request from the parent/guardian of a district student who wishes to enroll in another district, the Superintendent or designee shall review the request and may approve or deny the permit subject to the terms and conditions of the inter-district attendance agreement.¶¶~~

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~~Students residing outside the District who are discovered to be attending district schools without an authorized inter-district attendance agreement will be disenrolled barring extenuating circumstances. Inter-district agreements for special education students are subject to procedures outlined in the San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan (SELPA), Regulation Section IV, F-1 and F-2 (Exhibit Y).¶¶~~

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~~Transportation:~~

When the request of a student seeking to transfer out of the district, or an individual permit verifying another district's approval for its student to transfer into the district, is received, the

Superintendent or designee shall review, and approve or deny the request or permit based on the terms and conditions of the interdistrict attendance agreement.

~~OPTION 1 ENDS HERE~~

### **OPTION 2: School District of Choice Program**

~~The district has registered as a "school district of choice" in accordance with Education Code 48301.~~

~~The Board shall, by resolution, annually establish the number of students that will be accepted into the district through this program based on recommendations by the Superintendent or designee. Once established, the district shall accept all students who apply to transfer into the district until the district is at maximum capacity, as required pursuant to Education Code 48301.~~

~~Student transfer requests into the district shall be considered through an unbiased process that prohibits an inquiry into or evaluation or consideration of whether a student should be enrolled based upon the student's academic or athletic performance, physical condition, proficiency in English, any of the individual characteristics set forth in Education Code 200, or family income. (Education Code 48301)~~

~~If the number of transfer applications exceeds the number of transfers the Board has elected to accept, approval for transfer shall be determined by a random drawing held in public at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 48301)~~

~~Because the district admits students in accordance with the school district of choice program, the Superintendent or designee shall not approve a student's transfer into the district based on an individual interdistrict attendance permit, pursuant to Education Code 46600-46610, except under extraordinary circumstances.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall keep an accounting of all requests for transfer through the school district of choice program and a record of their disposition, including, but not limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 48313)~~

- ~~1. The number of requests granted, denied, or withdrawn and, for denied requests, the reason for the denial~~
- ~~2. The number of students transferred into and out of the district pursuant to this program~~

3. The race, ethnicity, gender, self-reported socioeconomic status, eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, foster youth status, student experiencing homelessness status, and the district of residence for each student transferred into or out of the district pursuant to this program

4. The number of students transferred into or out of the district pursuant to this program who are classified as English learners or students with disabilities

5. As applicable, the number of students described in Items #3 and 4 above who are provided transportation assistance to a district school or program, and the total number of students provided transportation assistance, pursuant to the school district of choice program

The information specified in Items #1-5 above shall be reported to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. No later than October 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the same information for the current school year, as well as information regarding the district's status as a school district of choice in the upcoming school year, to each geographically adjacent school district, the county office of education, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 48313)

The district's compliance with all school district of choice program requirements shall be reviewed as part of the annual district audit conducted pursuant to Education Code 41020. (Education Code 48301)

**OPTION 2 ENDS HERE**

### **Instruction Collaboration Agreements**

The district may, with **Governing** Board approval, enter into an instruction collaboration agreement (ICA) with another school district, county office of education, or charter school for the district to offer the same or similar courses and coursework to students from another school district, county office of education, or charter school who have been impacted by any of the following: (Education Code 48345)

1. Disruptions or cancellations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) classes
2. Disruptions or cancellations in dual language immersion programs

### 3. Teacher shortages in STEM classes or dual language immersion programs

Prior to accepting students for classes for any of the reasons specified in Items #1-3 above, the Superintendent or designee shall, with Board approval, determine the maximum number of students that the district can accept for these purposes. The district shall accept students who apply until the district is at maximum capacity.

Students shall be transferred to this program through an unbiased process that prohibits an inquiry into, or evaluation or consideration of, whether a student should be authorized to participate in the course or coursework based upon the student's current academic or athletic performance, proficiency in English, physical condition, any of the individual characteristics specified in Education Code 200, or family income. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of seats available, the approval for participation shall be determined by a random public drawing at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 48345)

The Superintendent or designee shall publicly post information, including, but not limited to, applicable forms and timelines for submission pursuant to the ICA, to ensure that students and their families are aware of the opportunities to participate. (Education Code 48345)

When negotiating the ICA, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the other participating local educational agencies to agree upon an appropriate shared cost structure. (Education Code 48345)

### **Transportation**

Upon parent/guardian request, the district ~~may~~shall provide transportation assistance to a student receiving an ~~inter-district~~interdistrict transfer who is eligible for free and reduced-price meals and ~~is~~ the child of an active duty military parent/guardian or a victim of bullying, as defined in Education Code 46600. (Education Code 46600) ~~In addition~~

~~Additionally~~, upon request of a student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation for any ~~inter-district~~interdistrict transfer student to and from designated bus stops within the attendance area of the school that the student attends, if space is available.¶

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~~If an interdistrict transfer student is approved and enrolls in a District school, that student must remain at that school. Intra-district transfers do not apply.¶~~

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### ~~Interdistrict Attendance Agreements and Permits¶~~

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~~The District is currently not accepting new interdistrict transfers unless granted by the Superintendent and the Governing Board.~~