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Interdistrict Attendance Agreements and Permits

In accordance with an agreement between the Governing Board and the board of another district, a permit authorizing a student of either district to enroll in the other district may be issued upon approval of both districts.

The district shall post on its web site the procedures and timelines for requesting an interdistrict transfer permit, including a link to BP 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance. The posted information shall include, but is not limited to: (Education Code 46600.1, 46600.2)

- 1. The date upon which the district will begin accepting and processing interdistrict transfer requests for the following school year
- 2. The reasons for which the district may approve or deny a request, and any information or documents that must be submitted as supporting evidence
- 3. If applicable, the process and timelines by which a denial of a request may be appealed within the district before the district renders a final decision
- 4. A statement that failure of a parent/guardian to meet any timelines established by the district shall be deemed an abandonment of the request
- 5. Applicable timelines for processing a request, including the following statements:
  - a. For an interdistrict transfer request received by the district 15 or fewer calendar days before the commencement of instruction in the school year for which the transfer is sought, the district will notify the parent/guardian of its final decision within 30 calendar days from the date the request was received.
  - b. For an interdistrict transfer request received by the district more than 15 days before the commencement of instruction in the school year for which the interdistrict transfer is sought, the district will notify the parent/guardian of its final decision as soon as possible, but no later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction in the school year for which transfer is sought.
- 6. The conditions under which an existing interdistrict transfer permit may be revoked or rescinded

Priority for interdistrict attendance shall be given to a student who has been determined by staff of either the district of residence or district of proposed enrollment to be a victim of an act of bullying, as defined in Education Code 48900(r), committed by a student of the district of residence. (Education Code 46600)

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(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may approve an interdistrict attendance permit for a student for any of the following reasons when stipulated in the agreement:

1. To meet the child care needs of the student, only as long as the student's child care provider remains within district boundaries

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

2. To meet the student's special mental or physical health needs as certified by a physician, school psychologist, or other appropriate school personnel

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

- 3. When the student has a sibling attending school in the receiving district, to avoid splitting the family's attendance
- 4. To allow the student to complete a school year when the student's parents/guardians have moved out of the district during that year
- 5. To allow the student to remain with a class graduating that year from an elementary, middle, or senior high school
- 6. When the parent/guardian provides written evidence that the family will be moving into the district in the immediate future and would like the student to start the school year in the district
- 7. When the student will be living out of the district for one year or less
- 8. When recommended by the school attendance review board or by county child welfare, probation, or social service agency staff in documented cases of serious home or community problems which make it inadvisable for the student to attend the school of residence

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5113.12 - District School Attendance Review Board)

- 9. When there is valid interest in a particular educational program not offered in the district of residence
- 10. To provide a change in school environment for reasons of personal and social adjustment

Basis for denial of application.

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In accordance with applicable law, the Superintendent or designee may deny an application for an interdistrict attendance permit on any of the following bases:

### 1. Capacity Has Been Reached

If capacity has been reached in the relevant grade or program based on the actual enrollment figures of current residents and continuing students for the requested transfer year, or the anticipated enrollment figures available as of April 1, or the date of the application, whichever is later, for transfers to take effect in the next school year.

school's total enrollment reaches eighty percent (80%) of capacity.

For Special Education Classes and Programs:

A Resource Specialist Program (RSP)/Specialized Academic Instruction/Mild to Moderate Needs, will be considered at capacity for Interdistrict Transfer Application purposes either when the case carrier's caseload reaches a student: case carrier ratio of 22:1, or the requested grade is at capacity at the requested school.

As the District establishes new or different classes or programs for which capacity a capacity limit is not included herein, it may establish appropriate capacity, for Interdistrict Transfer Application purposes, for any such class or program.

Capacity limits are intended to allow space for new resident growth. These capacity limits are intended to allow space for District residents who enroll during the summer or enroll in the program(s) during the school year.

If the number of pending Applications exceeds capacity in a grade or program, the order of consideration will be as follows:

First priority consideration will be given to Applications for students who have one or more siblings currently enrolled in the district.

Second priority will be given to Applications for students who have been enrolled in the district in the school year immediately preceding the requested year of transfer.

After applying the priorities set forth above, in the event of a tie, a lottery will be held to determine the relative priority of the Applications. Upon reaching capacity in a particular grade or program, the Superintendent or designee shall send to the parents/guardians a Notice of Decision denying their Application and advising that their student's name will be placed on a waiting list unless the parents/guardians request otherwise.

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2. The district does not have an appropriate educational program to meet the student's needs.

Unsatisfactory Attendance

Unsatisfactory Academic Performance

Unsatisfactory Behavior

The student's school records in the preceding 12-month period reflect unsatisfactory behavior which may include, but is not limited to, a history of disciplinary referral(s), detention(s), suspension(s), recommendation(s) for expulsion, or expulsion(s).

The Application is incomplete or contains information that is false or misleading.

- 7. The governing boards of the district and the student's district of residence have not entered into an interdistrict attendance agreement. (Education Code 46600)
- 8. The denial would be in the best interests of the District as determined by the Superintendent or designee based on any lawful, non-arbitrary considerations.

If an Application is denied by the Superintendent or designee, the parents/guardians of the student may appeal to the County Board of Education within 30 days. Students who are under consideration for expulsion or who have been expelled may not appeal interdistrict attendance denials or decisions while expulsion proceedings are pending, or during the term of the expulsion. (Education Code 46601)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts) (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process) (cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Bases for Revocation/Termination of Interdistrict Attendance Permit

Every interdistrict attendance permit shall stipulate the terms and conditions under which the

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permit may be revoked. (Education Code 46600)

An interdistrict attendance permit may be revoked by the Superintendent or designee for any of the following reasons:

Unsatisfactory academic performance (as defined above under Bases for Denial) at the district.

Unsatisfactory attendance (as defined above under Bases for Denial) at the district.

Providing incomplete, false or misleading information on the Application.

Repeated disruptive or otherwise unsatisfactory conduct in violation of Education Code sections 48900 et seq.

Suspension from the district as authorized by Education Code sections 48900 et seq.

Recommendation for expulsion or expulsion from the district as authorized by Education Code sections 48900 et seq.

revoked.

If an interdistrict attendance permit is revoked by the Superintendent or designee, the parent/guardian of the student may appeal to the Superintendent for further consideration. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent and received in the District Office on or before the fifth calendar day following the date of the Notice of Revocation, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and days when the District Office is closed, or the right to appeal shall be deemed waived.

Once a student is admitted to a school on the basis of an interdistrict attendance permit, he/she shall not be required to reapply for an interdistrict transfer and shall be allowed to continue to attend the school in which he/she is enrolled, unless reapplication standards are otherwise specified in the interdistrict attendance agreement. (Education Code 46600)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

The Superintendent or designee may deny initial requests for interdistrict attendance permits due to limited district resources, overcrowding of school facilities at the relevant grade level, or other considerations that are not arbitrary. However, once a student is admitted, the district shall not deny continued attendance because of overcrowded facilities at the relevant grade level.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

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If the transfer request is for a school year that begins within 15 calendar days of the receipt of the request, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of the final decision within 30 calendar days of receiving the request. If the transfer request is for a school year that begins more than 15 calendar days after the receipt of the request, the parent/guardian shall be notified of the final decision as soon as possible, but no later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction during that school year. (Education Code 46600.2)

If a student's interdistrict transfer request is denied, the Superintendent or designee shall, in writing, notify the parents/guardians of their right to appeal to the County Board of Education within 30 calendar days from the date of the final denial. (Education Code 46600.2)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

All notices to parents/guardians regarding the district's decision on any request for interdistrict transfer shall conform to the translation requirements of Education Code 48985, and may be provided by regular mail, electronic format if the parent/guardian provides an email address, or by any other method normally used to communicate with parents/guardians in writing. (Education Code 46600.2)

Pending a decision by the two districts or by the County Board on appeal, the Superintendent or designee may provisionally admit a student who resides in another district for a period not to exceed two school months, provided the district is the district of proposed enrollment. If the decision has not been rendered by the conclusion of two school months and the districts or County Board is still operating within the prescribed timelines, the student shall not be allowed to continue attending the district school to which the student was provisionally admitted. (Education Code 46603)

Students who are under consideration for expulsion or who have been expelled may not appeal interdistrict attendance denials or rescissions while expulsion proceedings are pending or during the term of the expulsion. (Education Code 46601)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts) (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Once a student is admitted to a school on the basis of an interdistrict attendance permit, the student shall not be required to reapply for an interdistrict transfer and shall be allowed to continue to attend the school of enrollment, unless reapplication standards are otherwise specified in the interdistrict attendance agreement. Existing interdistrict attendance permits shall not be rescinded after June 30 following a student's completion of grade 10 or for any student entering grade 11 or 12 in the subsequent school year. (Education Code 46600)

Transfers Out of the District

A student whose parent/guardian is in active military duty shall not be prohibited from

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transferring out of the district, provided the school district of proposed enrollment approves the application for transfer. (Education Code 46600, 48307)

The district may limit transfers out of the district to a school district of choice under any of the following circumstances: (Education Code 48307)

- 1. The number of student transfers out of the district to a school district of choice has reached the limit specified in Education Code 48307 based on the district's average daily attendance.
- 2. The County Superintendent of Schools has given the district a negative budget certification or has determined that the district will not meet the state's standards and criteria for fiscal stability in the subsequent fiscal year exclusively as a result of student transfers from this district to a school district of choice.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

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