

Bellevue Union School District
Board Policy
AR 5117
Students

Interdistrict Attendance Permits

Unless approval is otherwise required by applicable law, all requests for Interdistrict Attendance Permits for any student in Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten, or grades 1-6, inclusive, residing within the District's attendance boundaries to attend a non-resident district school will be denied except as provided herein

However, 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. When the student has been determined by staff of either the district or residence or district of proposed attendance to be a victim of an act of bullying as defined in Education Code 48900(r). Such a student shall be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing interdistrict attendance agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, shall be given consideration for the creation of a new permit. (Education Code 46600)

2. When a student has a natural relative (sibling, aunt, uncle, cousin, or grandparent) living within the attendance area of the school of desired attendance that provides child-care for the student. Such students may be allowed to continue to attend district schools only as long as they continue to use a child care provider within district boundaries.

3. To meet the student's special mental or physical health needs as certified by a physician, or psychologist.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

4. When the student has a sibling attending the same school in the receiving district on an approved interdistrict transfer agreement, to avoid splitting the family's attendance.

5. To allow the student to complete a school year when his/her parents/guardians have moved out of the district during that year.

6. To allow the student to remain with a class graduating that year from an elementary, school.

7. 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 year in the district.

8. When the student will be living out of the district for one year or less.

9. 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)

10. When a student's parent/guardian is physically employed within the boundaries of the receiving district for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week subject to the limitations provided in Education Code 48204. Residency status will not be granted to an incoming student based on parent/guardian employment (Allen Bill) within the district. Applicants must use the regular interdistrict attendance permit form.

The Superintendent or designee shall retain the authority to recommend to the District Governing Board that certain requests be approved on a case-by-case basis for extenuating circumstances.

Notwithstanding the above, unless required by law, the District will not approve requests for transfers out of the District that meet or exceed 3 percent (3%) of the District's current year estimated average daily attendance.

An interdistrict attendance permit may be granted for a period of one to five years, and shall not exceed a term of five years. Each permit shall stipulate the terms and conditions established by both districts under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted, denied, or revoked, and any standards for reapplication. (Education Code 46600)

Poor attendance, including truancy, chronic tardiness, or other absences from school, may lead to revocation of the interdistrict attendance permit at any time.

Once a student in Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten or any of grades 1-6, inclusive, is enrolled in an enrolling district school, he/she shall not be required to reapply for an interdistrict transfer and the governing board of the enrolling district shall allow the student to continue to attend the school in which he/she is enrolled, unless differing reapplication standards agreed to by the district of residence and district of attendance are otherwise specified in the permit. The agreement may stipulate terms and conditions under which the permit may be revoked. (Education Code 46600)

The Superintendent or designee may deny initial incoming requests for interdistrict attendance permits if school facilities are overcrowded at the relevant grade level or based on other considerations that are not arbitrary. Once a student is admitted, the district may deny him/her continued attendance because of overcrowded facilities at the relevant grade level. An approved incoming interdistrict may be revoked at any time due to poor attendance including, but not limited to more than three tardies (under and over thirty minutes), truancy, and receipt of attendance letter 1, 2, and/or 3. An approved incoming interdistrict may be revoked at any time if a student does not follow school rules and policies, including those listed in the student/parent manual, Board Policy and/or if they do not conduct themselves in a manner that allows other students to learn and teachers to teach.

Within 30 days of the interdistrict attendance request, the Superintendent or designee shall notify

the parents/guardians of a student who is denied interdistrict attendance regarding the process for appeal to the County Board of Education as specified in Education Code 46601. (Education Code 46601)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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)

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