

Inter-District Transfer Students

(TEC § 25.036)

(FDA (Legal) and (Local))

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TEC §25.036: Currently, a district may choose to accept, as transfers, students who are not entitled to enroll in the district. The State interprets the statute to require the transfer period to be one school year.

Eanes ISD maintains a transfer policy requiring non-resident students wishing to transfer into the district must file a transfer application each school year. In approving transfer requests, Eanes ISD considers the following: (1) Timely application; (2) A transfer shall not violate existing statutes; (3) A transfer shall not be approved that would limit the educational opportunities of resident students; (4) Applications for transfers shall be considered on an annual basis; (5) To the extent permitted by law, attendance, academic performance, including grades and results of the state-mandated assessment system, and the disciplinary history. (See FDA (Local)).

Innovation Plan:

The district seeks exemption from the one-year commitment in accepting transfer applicants by allowing the district to rescind a transfer at any time during the school year (i.e. from the first day of class to the last day of class). While accepting transfer students can add value to a school district's finances and culture, there may be exceptional situations not foreseen at the time of application (e.g., attendance, academic performance or disciplinary issues) when a transfer student's enrollment could inhibit the educational opportunities of residents students. As public school budgets become tighter, the district has a vested interest in the application of its resources going to resident student's educational opportunities. Therefore, the superintendent is authorized to accept or reject any transfer requests, provided such action is without regard to race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestral language.

A resident student who becomes a non-resident during a semester may, at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, be permitted to continue in attendance as a transfer student for the remainder of the semester.

A non-resident student wishing to transfer into the district shall file an application for transfer each school year with the Superintendent or designee. In approving transfers, the Superintendent or designee shall review available space, instructional service needs and staffing, the student's disciplinary history, threat assessment, grades, assessment results, attendance records, and special considerations. A transfer student shall be notified in the written transfer agreement that he/she must follow all rules and regulations of the district. In extenuating circumstances without satisfactory resolution, the district may rescind a transfer student at any time during the school year and is not required to fulfill a one-year

commitment. Therefore, violation of the terms of the agreement may result in revocation of the transfer agreement during the school year and/or may result in a transfer request not being approved the following school year.

Additionally, in accordance with policy, the district may, at the discretion of the Board, charge tuition, within statutory limits. The Board may waive tuition for a student based on financial hardship upon written application by the student, parent or legal guardian. The district may initiate withdrawal of students whose tuition payments are delinquent. Appeals may be made in accordance with local policy.