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5113 - INTER-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Board of Education shall permit the enrollment of students from any Ohio district in a school or program of this District, providing each enrollment is in accordance with laws and regulations of the State concerning Inter-District Open Enrollment, the provisions of this policy, and the administrative guidelines established to implement this policy.

The following definitions shall apply:

Home District

The school district from which the student emanates.

Open Enrollment

State-mandated options, policies, and regulations concerning the Board's authority to adopt resolutions regarding intra-district and inter-district enrollment policies and guidelines. Inter-district open enrollment permits the admission of students to this District from adjacent districts or any other district in Ohio.

District Student

A student who resides in this District and is referred to in the statute as a Resident Native Student.

Other-District

Any school district in Ohio.

Other-District Student

A resident student of any other district who enrolls, or seeks to enroll, in this District.

Tuition Student

A nonresident student who is enrolled in this District on a tuition basis.

Program

Any one of the specific course offerings of this District.

Program Size

The restrictions on a number of students in a program due to circumstances unique to that specific program, the terms of a collectively-bargained, negotiated agreement, and/or financial or operating conditions of the District.

Racial Balance

"Racial" refers to minorities classified as Afro-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, or Native-American students. "Balance" refers to the percentage of "racial" students in a District program, classroom, or school.

Negatively-Impacted Racial Balance

Any school, classroom, or program that has a minority-student population of less than fifteen percent (15%) or more than forty-five (45%) is considered racially isolated. If a nonminority student in such a school, classroom, or program seeks enrollment in a District program, the racial balance is negatively impacted and the admission is to be denied on that ground. The application is also denied if the transfer of the nonminority student creates a racially-isolated school, classroom, or program.

The Superintendent shall prepare guidelines for the implementation of this policy in ways that comply with relevant State laws and guidelines and establish procedures that provide for the following:

- A. Nondiscrimination on the basis of grade level, including preschool disabled; academic ability; English language proficiency; or any level of artistic, athletic, or extra-curricular skills. A student's application cannot be denied because of disciplinary action in his/her home school, except for a suspension or expulsion for ten (10) days or more that occurs in the current semester or the semester immediately preceding the application. If the District does not currently provide services required for a disabled, adjacent-district student, his/her application may be denied.
- B. Application procedures including the criteria by which applications from adjacent-district students shall be reviewed and prioritized.
- C. Maintenance of appropriate racial balance in District schools, classrooms, and programs.
- D. Communications with applicants and their parents concerning this policy and the District's guidelines, including the timelines for application and notification.
- E. Athletic eligibility complies with State regulations and the provisions set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- F. Any transportation provided by the District for an adjacent-district or other-district student takes place within established bus routes and bus stops within the District.

The Board reserves the right to object to the Open Enrollment of a District student to another district in order to maintain an appropriate racial balance. If the Board of Education of a student's home school district objects to a transfer of one of its students to this District for the same reason, this Board will deny the transfer unless the tuition fee is paid for the student.

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board to determine whether to adopt a resolution to continue the policy or to rescind Inter-District Open Enrollment. The Board reserves the right to modify the conditions under which Inter-District Open Enrollment would continue for any particular program, classroom, or school.