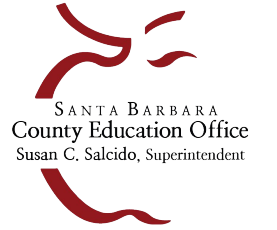

Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Process

Board Presentation May 8, 2025



Agenda



- **Overview of the Appeal Process**
- **Responsibilities of the Board**
- **Review of the Resources**

Interdistrict Attendance Appeals (BP 5117.1)



Per Ed Code 46602, the County Board of Education will consider appeals for the following two situations:

- when a district of residence has denied a request for release to attend another district
- when a desired district has denied a request for an interdistrict attendance transfer

Timeline



Requesting Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearing

Upon final denial at the district level, a parent/guardian has 30 calendar days to submit an Interdistrict Attendance Appeal to SBCEO.

Submission of Appeal and Determination of Validity

Submission of appeal form and documentation
(timeline begins, hearing must be held in 30 days).

Review of the appeal form and documentation
(usually within 2 days).

Gathering of Materials for Hearing

Within 30 calendar days of receiving the appeal form, a hearing must be conducted.*

CWA Director works with district & parent/guardian in the collection of documents.

Hearing

During open/closed session, the hearing is conducted.

The County Board deliberates and makes the decision to deny or grant the appeal. The decision is FINAL.
(usually at the meeting or within 3 school days.)

Responsibility of the Board



In general, decisions on interdistrict attendance appeals are guided by the following principles:

- Students are ordinarily expected to attend school in their district of residence.
- Disputes over interdistrict transfers may be resolved by the governing boards of the involved districts.
- The County Board of Education will only overturn a local school board's or district's decision under exceptional circumstances.

In addition, the County Board's review includes determining whether the district(s) complied with the Education Code and district Board Policies in handling the interdistrict transfer request.

County Board is an Appellate Body...



And reviews the case to determine whether:

- **The district's policy was followed and applied consistently, and**
- **The district's decision is supported by substantial evidence.**

**The County Board does not conduct
the appeal hearing de novo.**

Exceptions for Extraordinary Situations (BP 5117.1)



- A. Health/Safety Risk**
- B. Severe Hardship**
- C. Policy Change**
- D. Financial Impact**
- E. Overcrowding/Educational Impact**

Factors NOT to consider:

- Academic Reputation of the District or School
- Parental Preference or Logistical Inconvenience

Resources



- [Appeal Guide](#)
- [Appeal Form](#)
- [Board Policy 5117.1](#)
- [Education Code Packet](#)

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Thank you

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