

Interdistrict Transfer Enrollment – Nonresident Students

Bamberg County School District welcomes applications from eligible students who reside outside the district and wish to attend a Bamberg County School District school through an interdistrict transfer.

Interdistrict transfers are subject to applicable state and federal laws, district policy, eligibility requirements, and available capacity at the requested school, grade level, and program.

Annual Interdistrict Transfer Enrollment Window

The district establishes an annual enrollment window for nonresident students seeking to enroll in Bamberg County School District.

For the upcoming school year 2027-2028, the interdistrict transfer application window will be:

Application Opens: February 1, 2027

Application Closes: May 2, 2027

Applications must be submitted by the application deadline. Late applications may be considered at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

Who May Apply?

A student in grades K–12 who does not reside within Bamberg County School District but is otherwise eligible to attend a South Carolina public school may apply for an interdistrict transfer.

All applications are subject to the district's eligibility requirements and available capacity.

The district may consider factors including:

- Available space and capacity
- Available staff and facilities
- Class enrollment
- Prior attendance
- Prior disciplinary history
- Requirements of specialized programs
- Other criteria established by district policy

The district will not deny an interdistrict transfer application on the basis of race, religion, sex, color, disability, national origin, income level, athletic ability, artistic or extracurricular ability, or any other status protected by applicable law, except where such factors are appropriately included as part of a specialized program's application process.

Available Schools and Capacity

Admission of nonresident students is dependent upon available space at the requested school, grade level, and program.

The district conducts a capacity study to determine available space. Capacity information is reviewed annually before the interdistrict transfer enrollment window.

Current capacity information is provided below and is organized by school, grade level, and program level.

Schools or programs that have reached capacity may not be available for interdistrict transfer. Eligible students may be placed on a waitlist when the requested school or program is full.

The district is not required to create additional seats, expand facilities, hire additional staff, or alter programs to accommodate interdistrict transfer requests.

How to Apply

Parents or legal guardians seeking an interdistrict transfer must complete an application during the annual transfer enrollment window.

Application

[Application Link](#)

A paper application is also available from the school or district office for parents/legal guardians who prefer to apply using a paper form.

The application will request information including:

- Student's legal residence
- Current school district or information regarding home-based instruction
- Requested school
- Student's grade level
- Other information necessary to determine eligibility

Review and Notification

The Superintendent or designee will review interdistrict transfer applications after the close of the annual application period.

Applicants will receive written notification of their enrollment status within 30 days after the close of the application period. The notification will indicate whether the student has been:

- Accepted
- Placed on a waitlist
- Denied

If an application is approved, the parent/legal guardian must accept the transfer and complete any required enrollment steps within 10 business days of notification.

If an application is denied, the notification will include a clear explanation of the reason(s) for the denial and information regarding the appeal process.

Waitlist

If a requested school or program is at capacity, an eligible student may be placed on a waitlist.

If space becomes available, the district will notify the parent/legal guardian. The parent/legal guardian will have 10 days to accept the available enrollment opportunity. If the offer is not accepted, the district may proceed to the next student on the waitlist.

Interdistrict Transfer Fees

Nonresident students accepted for enrollment are subject to an annual interdistrict transfer fee.

2027-2028 Annual Transfer Fee:

\$2,505 1st Student

\$1,500 2nd Student

\$1,000 3rd Student

Free—any student after the 3rd

The interdistrict transfer fee will not exceed the prior school year's local per-pupil tax revenue amount as calculated by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Additional fees permitted by law may apply for services or materials when comparable fees are charged to resident students.

The first half of the fee is due by the first day of school, **August 3, 2027**. The second half of the fee is due at the beginning of the second semester, **January 6, 2027**.

Monthly installments may be arranged, if needed, by contacting the District Office at (803) 245-3053. Please note that monthly payments must be made in accordance with the agreed-upon payment schedule. If payments are not made in a timely manner, this payment option may be revoked, and the remaining balance may become due in full.

Transfer fees are due according to the district's payment schedule. If a payment is not received by the due date, the district will make reasonable efforts to notify the parent/legal guardian of the past-due balance and to provide information about payment options.

Failure to make required payments may affect a student's continued eligibility to participate in the interdistrict transfer program, subject to applicable laws and board policy. Before any action is taken regarding a student's transfer status, the district will provide notice to the parent/guardian and an opportunity to address the outstanding balance.

Transportation

Parents or legal guardians of nonresident students are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.

Specialized Programs

Students applying for admission to a school or program with specialized requirements may be required to participate in an interview, standardized assessment, or other admission process applicable to that program.

Appeals

A parent or legal guardian whose interdistrict transfer application is denied may appeal the decision in writing to the Board of Trustees.

The appeal must be submitted within 10 days following notification of the denial.

Additional information regarding the appeals process will be provided with the denial notice.

Questions

For questions regarding interdistrict transfers, application requirements, school capacity, or the application process, please contact:

Bamberg County School District
803-245-6644

Important Information

Interdistrict transfer admission is not guaranteed. All applications are subject to district policy, applicable law, eligibility requirements, and available capacity.

For complete information regarding interdistrict transfers, please review **Board Policy [JFAB – Admission of Nonresident Students \(Interdistrict Transfers\)](#)** and **[Administrative Rule JFAB-R](#)**.