WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy: 5117

STUDENTS

Interdistrict Attendance

The Governing Board recognizes that students who reside in one district may choose to attend school in another district and that such choices are made for a variety of reasons.

The Board desires to communicate with parent/guardian and students regarding the educational programs and services that are available in the district.

Interdistrict Attendance Agreements

The Superintendent or designee may approve interdistrict attendance agreements with other districts on a case-by-case basis to meet individual student needs.

The interdistrict attendance agreement shall be granted for one school year and shall stipulate the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. (Education Code 46600)

The Superintendent or designee may deny applications for interdistrict transfers because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources. The Superintendent's decision is final.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements
48204 Residency requirements for school attendance
48300-48315 Student attendance alternatives
48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances
48915.1 Expelled individuals: enrollment in another district
48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures
48980 Notice at beginning of term
52317 ROP, enrollment of students, interdistrict attendance
GOVERNMENT CODE
6250-6270 Public Records Act

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General Provisions:

Interdistrict Attendance Agreements may be granted for one school year or the balance thereof. Interdistrict agreements may not be rescinded for students entering grades 11 or 12 in the subsequent school year. No student may be enrolled in other than the district of residence, except as provided by these regulations. The district of residence shall initiate all Interdistrict Attendance requests and all agreements to attend shall be issued by the district of residence.

An "Interdistrict Attendance Request" form must be obtained from the district office of residency and returned to that same office for processing before a request will be considered.

The Superintendent or designee may approve annual Interdistrict Attendance Agreements for the following reasons:

1. To meet the child care needs of a student (Education Code 46601.5)

Once an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement has been issued based on child care needs, the parents/guardians must provide verification that their child's licensed childcare provider will continue when renewing an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement.

2. To meet a child's special mental or physical health needs as certified by a physician, school psychologist, or other appropriate school personnel

3. When a student has a sibling(s) attending school in the receiving district, to avoid splitting the family's attendance

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

5. To allow students to remain with a class graduating that year from an elementary, middle, or high school

6. To allow high school seniors to attend the same school they attended as juniors, even if their families moved out of the district during the junior year

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 a student will be living out of the district for one year or less

9. When recommended by the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) 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

10. When there is valid interest in a particular educational program not offered in the district of residence

11. To provide a change in school environment for reasons of personal and social adjustment

12. Other reasons that are recognized as compelling by the Superintendent or designee

Interdistrict Attendance Agreements or applications shall not be required for students enrolling in a regional occupational center or program. (Education Code 52317)

Every Interdistrict Attendance Agreement shall stipulate the terms and conditions under which the agreement may be revoked (Education Code 46600)

The Superintendent or designee may deny initial requests for Interdistrict Attendance Agreements if the school's facilities are overcrowded at the relevant grade level and based on other considerations that are not arbitrary. However, once a student is admitted based on child care needs, his/her continued attendance may not be denied because of overcrowding; <u>provided that the</u> <u>parent/guardian annually provide verification of licensed childcare provider.</u>

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)

Existing entrance criteria for specialized schools or programs shall be uniformly applied to all applicants. (Education Code 48305)

Not later than 30 days after the district receives an application for transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian in writing whether the

application has been provisionally accepted or rejected and of the student's position on any waiting list.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian and the student's district of residence of the district's decision.

Appeals

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian 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.

Transportation

The district shall not provide transportation for students on an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement.¹

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¹ Additional information regarding transporting students is in WJUSD Board Policies 3541 and 3550.