

Athena-Weston School District 29J

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Interdistrict Transfer of Resident Students**

Interdistrict Transfer

The district offers a variety of programs and services designed to meet the individual needs of its students. Nevertheless, the Board recognizes there may be circumstances that arise in which a resident student may benefit from attendance in another public school in the state. Consequently, a student who resides within district boundaries may be released to attend school in another district that agrees to accept the student. The agreement will be by written consent of the affected school boards or designees whereby the student becomes a “resident student” of the attending district, allowing the attending district to receive State School Fund moneys. Any additional fees or tuition costs are the responsibility of the parent.

When the district approves the release of a resident student to another school district, the student or his/her parent(s) will be solely responsible for transportation unless federal or state law requires transportation to be provided by the district. When a resident student, who is on an individualized education plan (IEP), is accepted to another district by an interdistrict transfer, the attending district becomes responsible for a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

Additionally, the interdistrict transfer of resident students will be permitted, as appropriate, to meet the requirements to provide a safe public school choice in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA).

The resident district may not impose any limitations on the length of time for which consent is given to the student requesting release to another district.

The resident district shall not require a student to receive consent more than one time when the student requests admission to the same receiving district, regardless of any time limitations imposed by the receiving district.

The district shall allow the student whose legal residence changes to a different district during the school year, to complete the school year in the district if the student chooses to do so.

Open Enrollment

A student who resides within district boundaries may make a request to attend school in another district that agrees to accept the student. The agreement will be by written consent of the attending district only whereby the student becomes a “resident student” of the attending district, allowing the attending district to receive State School Funding. When the attending district approves the admission of the student, the attending district shall notify the district in which the student resides no later than May 1. The student or his/her parent(s) will be solely responsible for transportation to the attending/receiving district unless federal or state law requires transportation to be provided by the attending/receiving district. Students

under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) will become the primary responsibility of the attending district.

Safe Public School Choice Transfer Requests

An interdistrict transfer¹ may be permitted in the event a student has been a victim of a violent criminal offense occurring in or on the grounds of a school the student attends, or the student attends a school identified as persistently dangerous and all other district schools the student may transfer to are also identified as persistently dangerous or there is no other district school to which the student may transfer. The transfer must be to a safe school.

Homeless Student

A homeless student residing in the district and the student’s parent, or in the case of an unaccompanied student, the district’s liaison for homeless students, may request that the student attend his/her school of origin², located out-of-district. The request will be considered based on the best interest of the student. The student may continue in his/her school of origin for the duration of the student’s homelessness when the student’s family becomes homeless during or between an academic year, or for the remainder of the academic year if the student becomes permanently housed during the school year. Transportation to an out-of-district school will be provided through an interdistrict agreement.

The superintendent is directed to establish procedures for the review of student requests to attend school in another district.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.056](#)
[ORS 327.006](#)
[ORS 329.485](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 335.090](#)

[ORS 339.115 to -339.133](#)
[ORS 339.141](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 343.221](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)
[OAR 581-021-0019](#)
[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367 (2006).
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2006).
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6316, 7912.
Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver; July 18, 2012.

¹Districts are encouraged, but not required, to explore other appropriate options such as an agreement with a neighboring district to accept transfer students, if there is not another school in the district in which the student legally resides for the transferring student.

²“School of origin” means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled.