

Eugene School District 4J

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School Choice

School Choice Requests

Parents may request that a student be permitted to attend to a school outside the attendance area wherein the student's parents reside. Such requests will be honored unless the superintendent or designee and the principal of the receiving school determine that the school has reached its enrollment capacity. In determining enrollment capacity, administrators will consider the projected enrollment at the school, the number of available classrooms, the staff/student ratio, and caps on enrollment.

Enrollment and Lottery

A lottery will be used to select students and requests for school choice will be evaluated according to the criteria below. To be considered for this lottery, applications for school choice must be submitted to the Instruction Department between the first working day in January and the Friday preceding spring break in March except for the spring 2011 school choice application period. In 2011, applications for school choice for Elementary and Middle School must be submitted between Monday, February 7, 2011 and Friday, April 22, 2011 to be considered for the lottery. Applications for school choice for high school must be submitted between Monday, February 7, 2011 and Friday, March 18, 2011 to be considered for the lottery. Each year the lottery will determine the order of the waiting lists. Students applying for school choice after the lottery has occurred will be placed on the appropriate priority waiting lists in the order the applications are received.

1. First priority will be given to students who were previously enrolled in a school or program but whose parents have moved to the attendance area of another District 4J school.
2. Second priority will be given to students who request transfer to a school that will be attended during the coming school year by another member of the requesting student's immediate household;
3. Third priority will be given to all other students who will be selected for placement on the waiting list by lottery, with the following exception;
 - a. The Board may establish attendance area priorities for students who reside in an attendance area to manage student enrollment capacity.
 - b. Priority will be given to students who qualify for free or reduced meals, and are applying to elementary schools that are below the district average for free or reduced meals. This priority will take place on an alternating bases. "Alternative basis" shall mean priority will take place with alternating selections between the two separate lists of free and reduced qualified students

and all other students, by first selecting one name from one list and then one name from the other, beginning with the top of the lists. For qualified students to be included in the lottery, a complete free/reduced information waiver form must be attached to the application. This waiver form allows the district to use individual free/reduced student information to identify the student for special priority.

4. The parents of twin students who want both of their children to participate in the lottery have two options:
 - a. Parents may submit two separate applications. The two twins would be placed on the waiting list in the order they are selected. If only one twin is accepted the other twin may be considered for placement in the school the following year.

OR

- b. Parents may submit one joint application. Both names would be placed in the same position on the waiting list. If one twin is accepted, then both twins are accepted.

Approved Transfers

Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from school unless space is available on a district bus traveling to that school.

Once approved, a transfer will ordinarily remain in effect until the student completes the highest grade in the school, the student's parent requests that school choice be rescinded, or school choice is revoked from a neighborhood school.

1. When a student is promoted to a new level (from level K-5 to level 6-8 or from level 6-8 to level 9-12), the student will enroll in the school in the attendance area in which his or her parents reside unless a school choice request is submitted and approved. Students attending k-8 or k-12 alternative schools will automatically be enrolled in the next level school. If the student rescinds enrollment in the alternative school, a school choice request must be submitted and approved to remain in a neighborhood school outside their attendance area.
2. School choice in neighborhood schools may be revoked by the superintendent or designee for irregular attendance, chronic tardiness, or persistent refusal to abide by rules for student behavior in effect at the school.

The superintendent will develop procedures for the implementation of this policy.

School Choice - Athletics Eligibility

Students who participate in school choice at the high school level will be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in accordance with procedures established by the superintendent. The procedures are intended to prohibit recruiting of athletes without unjustly penalizing students. The procedures in no way are to be interpreted as condoning the recruitment of any athlete from one high school to another since recruitment is a clear violation of District 4J policy and intent.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.485](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

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No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6316, 7912 (2006).