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## Admission of Nonresident Students/Interdistrict Transfers

Parents or guardians desiring an exception to their students' enrollment in their resident district will file an Interdistrict Transfer Application with the Reynolds School District.

Nonresident students may be admitted with tuition, with the exception of students who become "resident pupils" by one of the following methods:

- 1. By written consent of affected school boards (interdistrict transfer);
- 2. A foreign exchange student attending on a Board approved Exchange Program;
- 3. A court order.

The amount of tuition will be established by July of each year. Each admitted tuition paying student will be charged the same amount of tuition.

When an interdistrict transfer request is approved, the parent or guardian will be responsible for transportation of the student to and from the requested school. Transportation will be provided if required by federal law.

## **Consent For Admission Of Nonresident Student By Interdistrict Transfer**

Interdistrict applications will be approved through graduation.

A student, attending on an Interdistrict Transfer, whose legal residence changes to a different school district, may continue through the school year. Students who move over the summer are allowed to stay the following school year. Continuation beyond these exceptions requires a new application; priority consideration may be given to students who have siblings currently enrolled or were previously approved as an inter-district transfer student.

Parents or guardians may request that a transfer be rescinded at any time. Such requests will be effective at the end of the semester in which they are received unless the principals involved and the district administration agree to implement the request sooner.

Athletic eligibility for inter-district transferred students will be governed by OSAA guidelines.

Resident students will have the first opportunity to request an intradistrict transfer prior to the placement for a nonresident student to a specific school.

There will be one transfer window where applications are accepted and reviewed for the next school year.

Applications Accepted: Notification to Parents/Guardians:

May 1 – June 15 By July 20

There will be one transfer window where applications are accepted for a semester transfer:

a. November 15 - December 31

Applications will only be considered valid during the transfer window in which they were submitted. A new application for transfer must be submitted for each transfer window until the transfer is approved.

Transfers will only be made at the beginning of the semester. Exceptions to this rule can be made only by the superintendent/designee.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of admission to be given, an equitable lottery process will be used to determine admission at the end of each application window. The lottery process may give priority to applicants who currently have siblings enrolled in the district. Priority cannot be given over an intradistrict transfer request.

By July 20, prior to the next school year, the district shall provide written notification of the student receiving admission to the district where the student's legal residence is located.

Principals may meet with district staff to review and discuss pending student transfers prior to parent notification. The Assistant Superintendent or designee will be responsible for approving, denying or holding transfer requests.

Transfer decisions cannot consider nor ask for any information from the student about race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, disability, health, whether a student has an individualized education program (IEP) or the terms of that IEP, identified as talented and gifted, income level, residence, proficiency in English, athletic ability, or academic records.

The district may not request or require the student to participate in an interview, tour any of the schools or facilities, or otherwise meet with any representatives of the school or district prior to the district deciding whether to give consent.

Once a student has been given admission, the student is considered a resident for all educational programs and remains a resident of the district until the student:

- 1. Graduates from high school;
- 2. Is no longer required to be admitted to the school district under ORS 339.115;
- 3. Enrolls in a school in a different district; or

- 4. The transfer is revoked due to failure to maintain minimum standards of attendance or behavior, defined as:
  - a. Attendance below 90 percent in a grading period, and/or
  - b. Any behavior that results in suspension or expulsion, and/or
  - c. Repeated violations of the district or school student code of conduct

If a transfer request is denied, a parent/guardian may appeal the decision by submitting a letter to the superintendent. Decision appeals must be received by the district office within 30 days after the parent/guardian received the first transfer denial. The superintendent will have 20 days to respond to the appeal and return their decision to the parent/guardian.