

Alternative Interdistrict Attendance Program

Applications and Notifications

Applications for alternative interdistrict attendance must be submitted to the district office between November 1 and January 1 of the school year preceding the school year for which the student may be transferred.

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

The district of residence and the district of choice may agree to waive the January 1 deadline. (Education Code 48209.9)

No later than 90 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 or of the student's position on any waiting list.

Existing entrance criteria for specialized schools or programs shall be uniformly applied to all applicants. (Education Code 48209.5)

The district shall give priority for attendance to siblings of students already in attendance in the district. (Education Code 48209.6)

Final acceptance or rejection shall be made by May 15 of the school year preceding the year for which the student may be transferred. (Education Code 48209.9)

Upon acceptance of a student, the Superintendent or designee shall notify that student's district of residence.

Students admitted through the alternative interdistrict attendance program are deemed to have fulfilled district residency requirements pursuant to Education Code 48204. (Education Code 48209.1)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

Final acceptance of the transfer is applicable for one school year and will be renewed automatically each year unless the Governing Board, by adoption of a resolution, withdraws from participation in the program and no longer accepts transfer students from other districts. However, even if the district withdraws from participation in the program, admitted high school students may continue attending the district until they graduate from high school. (Education Code 48209.9)

The district may accept any completed coursework, attendance and other academic progress credited to an accepted student by any district(s) he/she previously attended. Academic standing

shall be granted to the student based upon the district's evaluation of that academic progress.
(Education Code 48209.10)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

The district may revoke a student's enrollment if he/she is recommended for expulsion pursuant to Education Code 48918. (Education Code 48209.10)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Rejection of Transfers

1. The district may reject a transfer into the district if it would require the district to create a new program or provide a new service to serve that student. (Education Code 48209.3)

2. Interdistrict transfers out of the district under the alternative interdistrict attendance may be rejected if the number of transfers exceeds the limits specified in law. (Education Code 48209.7)

If a request for alternative interdistrict attendance is rejected, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice to the parent/guardian.

The Board shall ensure that the determination to reject the transfer application and the reason(s) for this determination are accurately recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting at which the determination was made. (Education Code 48209.9)

(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)

Records and Reports

The Superintendent or designee shall keep an account of all requests for alternative attendance, the disposition of those requests, and the number of students transferring into and out of the district as a result of this program.

Transportation

The district shall not provide transportation outside the school's attendance area. However, upon request, the Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation for students living outside the attendance area to and from a designated bus stop within the attendance area if space is available. Priority for such transportation shall be based on demonstrated financial need.

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements

48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48209-48209.17 Student attendance alternatives

48915.1 Expelled individuals: enrollment in another district

48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures

GOVERNMENT CODE

6250-6270 Public Records Act

COURT DECISIONS

Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District, (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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