## INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (Statewide) ADMISSION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS (Version 3)

The Board permits any student from any other district in the state to apply and enroll in the District schools free of any tuition obligation, provided that all procedures as outlined in the administrative regulations are met. Requirements include:

- 1. application procedures, including deadlines for application and notification to students of acceptance or rejection and the superintendents of other districts whenever another district's student's application is approved;
- 2. procedures for admission;
- 3. District capacity limits by grade level, school building and educational program are determined;
- 4. resident students and previously enrolled District students have preference over firsttime applicants;
- 5. no requirements of academic, athletic, artistic or any other skill or proficiency;
- 6. no limitations on admitting students with disabilities, unless services required in an Individualized Education Program are not available in the District;
- 7. no requirement that the student be proficient in the English language;
- 8. no rejection of any applying student because the student has been subject to disciplinary proceedings, except an applicant who has been suspended or expelled by another district for 10 consecutive days or more in the term for which admission is sought or in the term immediately preceding the term for which admission is sought and
- 9. procedures to ensure maintenance of an appropriate racial balance in the District's schools.

The District cannot refuse to accept the credits earned by students who have participated in interdistrict open enrollment. The Board will not adopt a policy that discourages resident students from participating in interdistrict open enrollment.

Students in grades 9-12 are ineligible for athletics for the first 50% of the maximum allowable regular season contests in the sports the student participated in during the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer, until the one-year anniversary date of enrollment in the school the student transferred to. Exceptions to the ineligibility provisions are outlined in the Ohio High School-Athletic Association Bylaws.

The District notifies the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) of any change to this policy within 30 days of adoption. The District maintains records verifying adherence to this policy and that complaints regarding this policy are addressed. These records are provided to ODE upon request.

Compliance with this policy is reported to the ODE by November 30 annually through the consolidated school mandate report.

If the District reports noncompliance the Superintendent/designee must provide a written explanation to the Board within 30 days explaining this noncompliance and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

[Adoption date:]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.64; 3313.978; 3313.983 Chapter 3327 OAC 3301-48-02

## **CROSS REF.:** IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics

*NOTE:* Districts are required to notify the ODE of any change to this policy within 30 days of adoption. ODE also may request a district to report any complaints filed or received regarding its open enrollment policy and may request documentation to verify open enrollment policies are being adhered to and complaints are being addressed. This oversight may include on-site visits.

Senate Bill 216 (2018) enacted Ohio Revised Code 3301.68 requiring ODE to establish, distribute and monitor a consolidated school mandate report for school districts. Except where specifically required by law, ODE cannot require a separate report for the items included in the report. Each district must complete and file the report by November 30 annually.

The report must require each district or school to denote "yes" to indicate compliance or "no" to indicate noncompliance with the following prescribed items and to provide any other information that the department requests regarding those items:

- Training on the use of physical restraint or seclusion on students;
- Training on harassment, intimidation, or bullying;
- Training on the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and an automated external defibrillator;

- Training on crisis prevention intervention;
- The establishment of a wellness committee;
- The reporting of a district's or school's compliance with nutritional standards;
- Screening for hearing, vision, speech and communications, and health or medical problems and for any developmental disorders of students enrolled for the first time in kindergarten or first grade and
- Compliance with interdistrict and intradistrict open enrollment requirements.

If a district or school denotes "no" on any item it must provide a written explanation to the board within 30 days for why that item was not completed and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY