

~~INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE – HIGH SCHOOLS/DISTRICT OF CHOICE~~

~~California state law and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education reflect the principle that students should attend schools in their districts of residence. The Board of Education supports the concept of neighborhood schools, but also recognizes that students who reside in one district may wish to attend school in another district, for a variety of reasons. The priority of the Board is to be supportive of the educational welfare of all students.~~

~~Consistent with these principles, the Board has elected to participate in the State’s alternative interdistrict attendance program, and thus is identified as a “School District of Choice” pursuant to Education Code sections 48300-48316. The District, as a basic aid district, is eligible to collect 70% of the State revenue limit funds that would have been apportioned to the district of residence for students whose interdistrict attendance requests are approved.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall establish an alternative attendance selection process that ensures that students are admitted to district schools through a random, unbiased procedure that prohibits consideration of a student’s academic or athletic performance. Communications to parents or guardians regarding choice options will be factually accurate and not target individual parents or residential neighborhoods on the basis of a student’s real or perceived academic or athletic performance, or any other personal characteristic. The District will ensure that the auditor who conducts its annual audit will review compliance with the provisions of this paragraph.~~

~~Pursuant to Education Code section 48301, the Board annually shall determine the number of new transfers the District will accept through the School District of Choice program, based on school enrollment and classroom configurations. The Board also will identify the grade levels and programs that will be able to accept these additional students. The number of such accepted students shall not result in over-enrollment of 9th-grade English and mathematics classes based on the requirements of the State 9th-Grade Class Size Reduction Program. The District may reject the transfer of a student if that transfer will require the District to create a new program to serve the student, except that the District may not reject the application of an individual with exceptional needs or an English language learner on this basis. An application for a transfer will not be approved if the transfer will displace a student who resides in the district or is currently attending a district school, or if the transfer would adversely affect an existing desegregation plan.~~

~~If the number of transfer applications exceeds the number of transfers the Board elects to accept, approval for transfer shall be determined by a random drawing held in public at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. For the purpose of the lottery, priority shall be given to siblings of students already in attendance in the District. The District may also give priority to children of military personnel.~~

~~Any student accepted as a transfer shall be deemed to have complied with residency requirements for attendance in the District under Education Code section 48204.~~

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~~The District may revoke a student's transfer if the student is recommended for expulsion. Students who have been expelled from other school districts may not be admitted to the District during the period of their expulsions. Consideration of admission of students expelled from other school districts will be subject to the provisions of this Policy, and of law.~~

~~An accounting of all requests made for alternative attendance and records of all disposition of those requests shall be collected and reported as required by law.~~

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

~~48300-48316 Pupil Attendance Alternatives~~

~~48204 Residency Requirements for School Attendance~~

~~48915.1, 48915.2 Expelled Individuals; Enrollment in Another School~~

~~48918 Rules Governing Expulsion Procedures~~

~~48980 Notice at Beginning of Term~~

~~52317 Admission of Persons Including Nonresidents to Attendance Area~~