

BP & AR 5117 Interdistrict Attendance

December 12, 2019



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Interdistrict Attendance

■ Background

- Annually, the Board has reviewed, or has received information from staff, regarding the interdistrict permit policy.
- BP & AR 5117 allow the District to accept students to attend a SMMUSD school who reside outside of our residential enrollment boundaries.
- The school district of residence must release, i.e. issue an interdistrict permit, allowing the student to attend an SMMUSD school.
- SMMUSD has historically accepted students from other districts as interdistrict transfers.
- When the District was a State Aid district, revenue was a function of enrollment. The District intentionally admitted permit students in order to balance enrollment and augment revenue.



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- The District is transitioning from a State Aid district to a Basic Aid, community-funded district, whereby, for the foreseeable future, revenue is a function of local property taxes instead of enrollment.
- The discussion about permits usually held at this time of year has implications that did not exist in prior years.

■ Purpose

- As part of our assessment and realignment of resources, staff seeks to present revisions to BP & AR 5117 at an upcoming meeting.
 - *What are the Board's interests as staff considers revisions to the interdistrict permit policy?*
 - *What information does the Board need from staff to revise the interdistrict permit policy?*



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BP & AR 5117 describe the order in which requests for new permits will be granted:

Priority	
1	District Employee
2	Moved out of SMMUSD boundaries
3	Sibling
4	International HS Student
5	City Employee
6	SMC Employee
7	Alumni
8	Grandparent
9	Working within SMMUSD boundaries
10	Opportunity (Other)



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- **Staff recommendation:**

Eliminate the following categories for new applicants, effective for the 2020 – 2021 school year:

1. Opportunity (other) category.
2. Working in the SMMUSD Boundaries category.

- **Based on the Board's direction, comments and questions, staff will present draft revision to BP & AR 5117 for Board discussion in January and/or February.**

- **Questions, comments and Board discussion**