

**INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT**

The Governing Board desires to provide enrollment options that meet the diverse needs and interests of district students and parents/guardians, while also maximizing the efficient use of district facilities. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection and transfer of students among district schools in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

The parents/guardians of any student who resides within district boundaries may apply to enroll their child in any district school, regardless of the location of residence within the district.

The Board shall annually review this policy.

**Enrollment Priorities**

The Superintendent or designee shall grant priority to any district student to attend another district school, including a charter school, outside a student's attendance area as follows:

1. Any student enrolled in a district school that has been identified on the state's Open Enrollment Act list. (Education Code 48354)
2. Any student who is a victim of a violent crime while on school grounds. (20 USC 7912)
3. Any student enrolled in a district school designated by the California Department of Education as "persistently dangerous." (20 USC 7912; 5 CCR 11992)
4. Upon a finding that special circumstances exist that might be harmful or dangerous to the student in the current attendance area--Special circumstances include, but are not limited to, threats of bodily harm or threats to the emotional stability of the student. Any such student may transfer to a district school that is at capacity and otherwise closed to transfers. To grant priority under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee must have received either: (Education Code 35160.5)
  - a. A written statement from a representative of an appropriate state or local agency such as, but not necessarily limited to, a law enforcement official, social worker, or a properly licensed or registered professional, such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, or marriage and family therapist
  - b. A court order, including a temporary restraining order and injunction
5. Any siblings of students already in attendance in that school.
6. Any student whose parent/guardian is assigned to that school as his/her primary place of employment.

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**Application and Selection Process**

In order to ensure that priorities for enrollment in district schools are implemented in accordance with law, applications for intradistrict open enrollment shall be submitted between March 15 – June 30; of the school year preceding the school year for which the transfer is requested.

The Superintendent or designee shall calculate each school's capacity in a nonarbitrary manner using student enrollment and available space. (Education Code 35160.5)

Except for priorities listed above, the Superintendent or designee shall use a random, unbiased selection process to determine who shall be admitted whenever the school receives admission requests that are in excess of the school's capacity.

Enrollment decisions shall not be based on a student's academic or athletic performance, except that existing entrance criteria for specialized schools or programs may be used provided that the criteria are uniformly applied to all applicants. Academic performance may be used to determine eligibility for, or placement in, programs for gifted and talented students.

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area.

**Transportation**

Except as required for students who transferred out of Title I program improvement schools, the district shall not be obligated to provide transportation for students who attend school outside their attendance area.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

200 Prohibition against discrimination

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35291 Rules

35351 Assignment of students to particular schools

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements

48200 Compulsory attendance

48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act

48980 Notice at beginning of term

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11992-11994 Definition of persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State plans

7912 Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

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*Legal Reference: (continued)*

COURT DECISIONS

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

85 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 95 (2002)

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Public School Choice FAQs

Every Student Succeeds Act - Update #8, July 14, 2017

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Frequently Asked Questions, rev. May 4, 2016

Unsafe School Choice Option, May 2004

Public School Choice, February 2004

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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**SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Santee, California