ADMISSION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS

Interdistrict Open Enrollment

The Hillsdale Board of Education believes that students, under certain prescribed circumstances could benefit from interdistrict open enrollment.

It is the intent and purpose of this policy to specify the general guidelines for the implementation of interdistrict open enrollment for the Hillsdale Local School District.

The Superintendent shall annually prepare or revise administrative criteria to implement the following subparts of this policy.

The Board of Education shall permit enrollment of students who are residents of any Ohio school district with respect to grade level capacities, building capacities, and program capacities as established by the Hillsdale Board of Education.

The aforementioned capacities will be established annually by the Board of Education based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Board-adopted capacities will be made available to District building administrators for their use in enrolling students who are residents of Ohio school districts. Once accepted, a student will be given priority in subsequent years over students on a waiting list. All nonresident students must apply for interdistrict open enrollment each year within the administrative guidelines.

Athletic Eligibility

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has ruled on Open Enrollment student-athlete eligibility in Bylaw 4-7-3. The Hillsdale Local School District is a member of the OHSAA, and abides by all rules set forth by that organization.

Bus Transportation

The Hillsdale Local School District will not be required to alter established school bus routes which are contiguous to the boundaries of the Hillsdale Local School District. The family may provide transportation to an established bus stop within the receiving school district for the purpose of the student being transported to and from school.

Graduation Credits

The Hillsdale Board of Education will accept all credits toward graduation from enrolled students who are residents of Ohio school districts.

Provision of Information

In compliance with O.R.C. 3313.98, the Hillsdale Board of Education will provide information regarding open-enrollment policies and regulations to the Superintendents and Board of Education of appropriate school districts and, upon request, to parents of students who reside in Ohio school districts.

Special Education Services

The Board will deny the open enrollment of a special education student who requires services which are not available in the Hillsdale Local School District. Students requiring special education services which are offered in the Hillsdale Local School District will be obligated to attend the school building where the services specified in the student's IEP are available.

Non-discrimination

The Hillsdale Board of Education will enroll students without differentiation on the basis of academic, athletic, artistic, or extra-curricular activity, nor proficiency in English. No person shall, on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, citizenship status, marital status, sex, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program.

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