

Delaware City Schools
Bylaws & Policies

Proposed

5113 – INTER-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Board of Education believes that a student should, under certain prescribed circumstances, benefit from an inter-district, open enrollment policy. Guidelines for the transfer of students from all other districts, based upon criteria established by the school administration, are listed below. The specific criteria for this program shall be consistent with R.C. 3313.64, R.C. 3313.65, and R.C. 3313.98.

- A. Any application for an inter-district transfer must be submitted to the District Administrative Office between April 1st and April 30th of each year for the following school year. Applications will be acted upon by July 31st. The Superintendent may accept late applications so long as grade level, school building, and program enrollment limits are not exceeded. One application must be submitted for each student who requests inter-district transfer. Notice of approvals shall be provided to the Superintendent's office of the student's district of residence. The District reserves the right to assign the building.
- B. The Superintendent will establish a yearly limit to the number of open enrollment students for each school year prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period.
 - 1. Applicants for Open Enrollment shall be considered using the following admission priorities:
 - a. First preference for programming and placement will be given to the District's native students, as that term is defined in R.C. 3313.98(A)(2).
 - b. Second preference will be given to other district students, as that term is defined in R.C. 3313.98 (A)(10), who would have been eligible to attend the District tuition free as children of District employees, under negotiated agreements and Board policy.
 - c. Third preference will be given to other students who were previously enrolled in the District.
 - d. Fourth preference will be given to "new" open enrollment applications.

The Superintendent may, on a case by case basis, admit open-enrollment students, by exception, who would not otherwise have been considered

given the criteria above to deal with special circumstances and to comply with section "G." below.

2. Every effort will be made to accommodate building assignment requests, however the District retains the right to determine building assignments.
 3. Open enrollment admissions are in effect for one (1) year. Open enrollment for subsequent years may be subject to review and revocation based on admission priorities, capacity limits on grade, building, and program levels, and maintenance of an appropriate racial balance. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the continuation of the open enrollment of students in the following years,
 4. The Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall, on an annual basis, establish the District's capacity limits for open enrollment by grade level, school building and/or program.
 5. The Board of Education may elect to discontinue participation in the open enrollment program at the end of any school year.
- C. The Board of Education may deny acceptance if a student requires a special education program not available in the district, Board-paid tuition to any optional education program, or release of any pupil State funds to another elementary, secondary, or post-secondary institution for acceptance of credit or in lieu of tuition.
- D. In order to be eligible for open enrollment, the student's prior record must meet with standards established by the Board of Education for District students. The Board may not impose any requirement of academic ability, or any level of athletic, artistic, or other extra-curricular skills in order for a student to be eligible for open enrollment, except that:
1. The student's attendance, achievement and conduct shall be monitored in order to inform decisions about continuing their eligibility for open enrollment.
 2. The District may deny enrollment to students who have been suspended for ten (10) or more days or expelled in the term in which admission is sought or the term immediately preceding the term in which admission is sought.
- E. All regulations, rules and procedures of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, especially those pertaining to recruitment and eligibility, must be followed.

- F. The District requires that inter-district open enrollment parents provide transportation to and from school. The District may provide transportation to open enrollment students in accordance with State law and upon request. Such requests will be considered on a case by case basis, after considering whether space on school buses is available and if transportation is feasible. Students provided transportation services will be assigned to a bus stop within the school district. Parents must provide adequate supervision of students at bus stops that may be miles from the student's home.
- G. Reviews and procedures to ensure maintenance of an appropriate racial balance in the District will be established.

R.C. 3313.98