

6.091 – INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Franklin Local Board of Education believes that students should, under certain prescribed circumstances, benefit from an interdistrict open enrollment policy. Guidelines for the transfer of students, based upon criteria established by the school's administration and in conjunction with recommendations from the Ohio Department of Education, are listed below. These guidelines are intended to be consistent with O.R.C. §3313.98.

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board to determine whether to adopt a resolution to continue the policy or to rescind Interdistrict Open Enrollment. The Board reserves the right to modify the conditions under which Interdistrict Open Enrollment would continue for any particular program, classroom, or school.

- A. Any applications for an interdistrict transfer must be submitted to the Superintendent's office of the Franklin Local School District not later than the due date annually established by the Superintendent, or designee, and as specified on the application. The Superintendent will act upon applications. Parents will be notified in writing of acceptance or denial. Parents/guardians must submit a letter stating acceptance of transfer to the Superintendent on or before the stated deadline. Failure to do so will void the application. One application must be submitted for each student who requests an interdistrict transfer.
- B. Eligibility
 1. This interdistrict open enrollment guideline applies to native students residing outside the boundaries of the Franklin Local School District.
 2. No part of these guidelines applies to native students residing within the boundaries of the Franklin Local School District.
 3. The Superintendent, or designee, shall annually establish capacity limits by grade level, school building, and education program, based on relevant factors such as current enrollment, available staff, and classroom space.
 4. No student, once accepted, will be displaced for the school year approved should enrollment exceed the limits stated above. The administration will determine building assignment, without guarantee that the building assignment (elementary) will prevail in subsequent years.
 5. Applicants shall be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis with an assurance that native (home) students will not be displaced. Students previously open enrolled in the District will be given preference if their application is turned in by stated deadline.

C. Criteria for Acceptance

1. No student who has been suspended or expelled from school for 10 or more days during the present term or the term immediately preceding application will be accepted for open enrollment.
2. No student qualifying for special education services will be accepted if that acceptance would require the school district to institute new or additional programs or services.
3. No student will be accepted after any of the relevant capacity limits have been reached at that student's grade level.
4. Applications rejected due to capacity limits will be held and considered in the order in which they were received until June 30 of the school year for which application was made. This also applies to kindergarten and high school applications, which may be held until June 30 so that space allocations and scheduling may be considered.
5. Students applying for acceptance under this interdistrict policy who have older siblings already accepted and attending under the policy will be given priority over other applicants if students are to be accepted.
6. All approved transfers are in effect for one school year only, and may be discontinued at the discretion of the administration in subsequent years.
7. Students with persistently poor attendance in their home district may be denied open enrollment if such attendance is unrelated to the student's special education needs and/or disciplinary action..
8. Athletic eligibility will be determined in accordance with the guidelines of the Ohio School Athletic Association.
9. School transportation will be provided only within the limits of the Franklin Local School District existing bus routes. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from designated bus stops.
10. Falsification of any information will result in immediate rejection of application.
11. Superintendents may, by mutual agreement, waive the stated enrollment deadline up to the first full week of October should extenuating circumstances exist.
12. Race shall not be a determinative factor in an interdistrict open enrollment decision. Nevertheless, open enrollment decisions shall be conscious of maintaining a racial balance based on current enrollment such that the racial balance of one school building does not vary significantly from other District buildings or the District at large.

Signature of Parent / Guardian

(For office use only)

Received by: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Approved _____ Rejected _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Signature of official: _____

No student shall be denied admission to the Franklin Local School District or to a particular course or instructional program or otherwise discriminated against for reasons of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or any other basis of unlawful discrimination.