

BOARD POLICY

Interdistrict Attendance (Pursuant to Agreements Under Education Code 46600(a))

BP 5117 Students

The Governing Board recognizes that students who reside in one district may choose to attend school in another district and that such choices are made for a variety of reasons. Education Code 46600-46603 provides for interdistrict attendance of students.

Education Code 46600(a) permits governing boards of two or more school districts to enter into an agreement, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of pupils who are residents of the districts.

Pursuant to Education Code 44600(a), the Governing Board has entered into agreements with a number of other school districts which include both legally required and permitted terms and conditions, as well as a standard county-wide form by which a parent/guardian may request interdistrict attendance and the two districts document their individual approval or denial of the request.

The Governing Board recognizes that if within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a request for interdistrict attendance, the District fails or refuses to approve the request, the applicant may appeal that decision by filing an interdistrict attendance appeal request with the Humboldt County Board of Education ("County Board") within 30 calendar days of notification that the request was denied.

The Governing Board also recognizes that the County Board's Board Policy 5117 provides that it shall base its decision to grant or deny an appeal on the following priorities:

Welfare of the pupil. Will there be a program offered in the proposed district of attendance that will better meet the educational, social, emotional health and/or safety needs of the child than in the district of residence?
Will the continuity of the pupil's educational program be furthered?

Impact on the family. Do special circumstances exist for the child and family that would support a change in school placement? Such circumstances might include, but would not necessarily be limited to, child care, parent employment and/or transportation.

Impact on the district of residence/district of proposed attendance. Will the change in school enrollment significantly affect either district in terms of its educational program, financial stability, or appropriate multicultural balance?

The Governing Board agrees that in making decisions about interdistrict attendance both the County Board--and this Governing Board--should consider, and if necessary balance, the sometimes competing needs of the pupil, the pupil's family, and the school districts.

The Governing Board understands that pursuant to Education Code Section 46600(b) a student who has been determined by personnel of either the district of residence or the district of proposed enrollment to have been the victim of an act of bullying, as defined in Education Code Section 48900(r), committed by a pupil of the district of residence shall, at the request of the person having legal custody of the pupil, be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing interdistrict attendance agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, be given additional consideration for the creation of an interdistrict attendance agreement.

To this end, the Governing Board has approved this Policy and its implementing Administrative Regulation, and determined that upon receipt of a request by students' parents/guardians, the Governing Board may approve or deny requests for Interdistrict Attendance Permits using the standard county-wide form in compliance with the applicable interdistrict attendance agreement, this Policy, and its implementing Administrative Regulation.

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Fortuna, California