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Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment

The Park County School District Re-2 endorses the neighborhood school concept and makes many decisions based on student population within the attendance areas of residence. The district recognizes, however, that resident students may wish to attend a school or participate in a program located in an area other than that of their assigned school. Therefore, students shall be allowed to attend any school or participate in any program of their choice on a space available, first-come, first-served basis.

In implementing the open enrollment program, the district is not required to:

1. Make alterations in the structure of a requested school or make alterations to the arrangement or function of rooms within a requested school.
2. Establish and offer any particular program in a school if such program is not offered currently in such school.
3. Alter or waive any established eligibility criteria for participation in a particular program including age requirements, course prerequisites and required levels of performance.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, a student may be assigned outside the attendance area, by mutual agreement of the administrators, in the special interest of the student and/or school.

Open enrollment and transfers

Resident students and their parents/guardians shall be notified on an annual basis of the options available through open enrollment in sufficient time to apply.

Students, including home-schooled students desiring to take classes on a part-time basis, within designated attendance areas will have priority in registering in that school. Students may apply for open enrollment in a school outside their attendance area and such applications shall be approved if there is space available in the requested school and the application has been submitted, on or before, 10 days from the beginning of the school year in accordance with the regulations accompanying this policy.

Parents and/or students who desire a change of school after the 10th day from the beginning of the school year must submit a letter together with the required form requesting a transfer. The request will be reviewed and acted upon in accordance with the regulations accompanying this policy.

Open enrollment and transfer students attending a school outside their attendance area shall be granted admission on a year-to-year basis.

Students granted permission to attend a school other than the school in their assigned attendance area shall have the same curricular and extracurricular status as all other students attending the school, as determined by applicable law, bylaws of the Colorado High School Activities Association and the charter school's eligibility requirements.

Any student enrolled pursuant to this policy shall be allowed to remain enrolled in the school or program through the end of the school year unless overcrowding or other undesirable conditions develop, as described in the accompanying regulation.

Transportation

There is no transportation at the charter school and if a student requires transportation, they may not qualify to attend.

Transportation for students granted permission to attend school outside their attendance area must be furnished by their parents unless space is available in district buses without disruption of regular routes and loading areas. Homeless students, students in foster care, and students with disabilities will be transported, as necessary, in accordance with state and federal law. See policy JFABD, Homeless Students. Students attending under the NCLB choice option shall be provided transportation at district expense to the extent required by law.

Nondiscrimination

The Charter Board, the administrator, and charter school staff shall not unlawfully discriminate based on a student's race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, sex, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, disability or need for special education services in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy.

Special education students

Requests from the parents of special education students for open enrollment or transfer to another school or program shall be considered in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. The student's current Individual Education Plan (IEP) shall be used to determine if the requested school or program can meet the student's needs.

LEGAL REFS: C.R.S. 22-1-102 (*definition of district resident*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(II) (*Board duty to adopt policies requiring enrollment decisions to be made in a nondiscriminatory manner*)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(k) (*definition of racial or ethnic background includes hair texture, definition of protective hairstyle*)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(m) (*power to fix boundaries*)
C.R.S. 22-36-101 *et seq.* (*open enrollment*)

CROSS REFS: EEA, Student Transportation
IHBG, Home Schooling
JC, School Attendance Areas
JF-R, Admission and Denial of Admission (*Procedures for Students in Out-of-Home Placements*)
JFABD, Homeless Students
JFBB, Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment
JJJ, Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

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