

#5030.2

Interdistrict School Attendance Areas

The Madison Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes that students may benefit from having a choice of schools to attend within the Connecticut public school system that is not limited by school and/or ~~Madison’s~~ district boundaries. Public school choice will (1) provide parents and students with greater opportunities to choose the school and / or program that best meets the academic needs of the student; (2) influence positively the level of parent involvement and student motivation; (3) improve academic achievement; (4) reduce racial, ethnic and economic imbalance; and (5) provide a choice of educational programs for students.

The Madison Public Schools (“the District”) will cooperate with the appropriate regional educational service center in the planning and implementation of the state-wide interdistrict public school attendance program in accordance with the timelines and provisions ~~contained within set forth in the applicable Connecticut General Statutes, C.G.S. 10-4a as amended by PA 97-290, “An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities,” and C.G.S. 10-266aa as amended by P.A. 99-289, “An Act Concerning School Choice and Interdistrict Programs.”~~

Effective July 1, 2026, the District shall be eligible to participate as a receiving district and a sending district with New Haven. Nonresident students from the ~~New London~~New Haven district who apply pursuant to the regulations approved by the Board, may enroll in the District particular programs or schools in districts in the surrounding areas on a space available basis, without payment of tuition except that the ~~Madison Public Schools~~District shall receive an amount, within available appropriations, from the Department of Education, for each out-of-district student attending a school within the ~~Madison Public Schools~~District. It is recognized that the Regional Educational Service Centers (“RESC”) shall determine which school districts in its area are located close enough to a priority school district to make transportation feasible.

In providing for admission of nonresident students, the ~~Madison Public Schools~~District shall consider:

1. Issues pertaining to the availability of space within a requested school to accommodate the enrollment request. The ~~Madison Public Schools~~District will notify its RESC by March 31 of each year of the space it will have available for students from the surrounding area for the new school year. The total number of new program seats available shall be approved annually by a majority vote of the board.
2. Programs available and the possible establishment of new programs.
3. Eligibility criteria for participating in a particular program, including age requirements, course prerequisites and required levels of performance.

4. Dates of enrollment of nonresident students in a school or program.

5. The requirement that participants attending school in the ~~Madison Public Schools~~District may do so until they graduate from high school.

It is the policy of the ~~Madison Public Schools~~District to receive nonresident students as part of the state-wide interdistrict public school attendance program in accordance with plan developed with the ~~Regional Educational Service Center~~RESC. Such planning, the Board believes, should consider, but not be limited to, the issues of definition and determination of space availability, choice of students, transportation to and from school and for after-school activities. Further, planning should consider issues related to special education, prior disciplinary behavior, and acceptance of prior academic work. The ~~Madison Public Schools~~District will not recruit students under this program for athletic or extracurricular purposes. Records of students involved in the interdistrict program will be promptly forwarded to the receiving district.

The Board directs the Superintendent and staff not to make any distinction based on ~~race, sex, ethnic group, religion or disability-protected class membership~~ of any student who is in attendance or who seeks admission to any school within the ~~Madison Public Schools~~District in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy.

Magnet School Parent Choice Option

Parents/guardians of students attending District schools shall have the option to enroll their child(ren) in a magnet school with which the District is a non-participating district. This enrollment may occur when an interdistrict magnet school has unused student capacity and may enroll directly into its program any interested student. A student from a district that is not participating in the interdistrict magnet school shall be given preference. The District is obligated to support the operation of the interdistrict magnet school in an amount equal to the per student tuition, if any, charged to participating districts.

(cf. 5020.1 - Nondiscrimination)

(cf. 5030 – Assignment of Students to School)

~~(cf. 5030.1 – Intra-District / School Attendance Areas)~~

~~(cf. 5060.1.2 – Nonresident Attendance)~~

~~(cf. 5100.9.1 Student Recruitment)~~

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-4a Education interests of state defined, as amended by PA 97-290 -An Act Enhancing Education Choices and Opportunities

~~10-226a-d Pupils or racial minorities~~

~~10-226b Existence or racial intolerance~~

~~10-226c Plan to correct imbalance~~

~~10-226d Approval of Plan by State Board~~

10-266aa Statewide interdistrict public school attendance program, as amended by P.A. 99-289, An Act Concerning School Choice and Interdistrict Programs.

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