

STILLWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFERS

Under certain circumstances, Oklahoma law allows students residing in a school district to transfer from their assigned site to any site within the district, also known as an intra-district transfer. By the first day of January, April, July and October of each year, the board of education shall establish the number of intra-district transfer students the district has the capacity to accept in each grade level for each school site within the district. Once established, the intra-district capacity numbers will be posted in a prominent place on the school district website and shall be reported to the State Department of Education.

An intra-district transfer may be requested at any time in the school year, unless the grade level of the receiving school site has reached capacity. If the capacity at a grade level is insufficient to enroll all eligible students, the school district shall select intra-district transfer students based on the following preferences and then in the order in which the intra-district applications were received.

This policy applies to students who reside within the school district and creates an enrollment preference and reserve capacity for:

1. Students who reside in the school site boundary;
2. Students who attended the school site the prior school year
3. Siblings of students who are already enrolled at the school site;
4. Children of school district employees who wish to attend a different school site within the school district;
5. Students who change residence within a school district and who wish to attend the same school site.

An intra-district transfer may be requested at any time in the school year. State law does limit the ability of a student to transfer to other school sites within the school district where the student resides to no more than two (2) times per school year. Exceptions to this limit will exist for students in foster care. A student is legally entitled to re-enroll at any time in their school district's site of residence.

Any sibling of a student who transfers may attend the school district to which their sibling transferred as long as the school district has capacity in the grade level and the sibling does not meet a basis for denial as listed below. A separate application must be filed for each student so that the district can timely consider requests in the order applications are received.

The child of a school district employee who resides in the school district but wishes to attend a different school site within the school district where the student resides may be granted an intra-district transfer if the student does not meet a basis for denial as listed below.

It is the policy of the board of education that any legally transferring student shall be accepted by the district under the following circumstances:

1. The district has the capacity to accept the student at the grade level at the school site;
2. The transferring student has not been disciplined for:
 - a. violation of a school regulation

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- b. possession of an intoxicating beverage, low-point beer, as defined by Section 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or missing or stolen property if the property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school during school activities, or
 - c. possession of a dangerous weapon or a controlled dangerous substance while on or within two thousand (2,000) feet of public-school property, or at a school event, as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act
3. The transferring student does not have a history of absences. "History of absences" means 10 or more absences in one semester that are not excused for the reasons provided in 70 O.S. § 10-105 or due to illness.

Requests made for the current school year will be reviewed and notification of approval or denial will be provided within 10 school calendar days. Applications for the upcoming school year will be reviewed beginning July 1 of that year. Notification of approval or denial will be provided by July 31st for submissions prior to that date. The school district shall enroll transfer students based on the preferences outlined above and then in the order in which they submit their applications. If the number of student transfer applications exceeds the capacity of the district, the district shall select transfer students based on the preferences outlined above and then in the order with which the district received the application.

Once granted an intra-district transfer shall automatically continue unless the school district denies the continued transfer for the reasons set forth in items 2 or 3 above.

Decisions regarding intra-district transfer requests are final. There is no administrative or Board appeal process for the approval, denial, or discontinuation of an intra-district transfer.

The school district shall allow students who are the dependent children of a member of the active uniformed military services of the United States on full-time active-duty status and students who are the dependent children of a member of the military reserve on activity duty orders provisional eligibility for intra-district transfer regardless of capacity. This provision eligibility will be limited to two (2) military dependents per one hundred (100) enrolled students at the elementary level, four (4) military dependents per one hundred (100) students at the middle school level, and six (6) military dependents per one hundred (100) students at the high school level.

LEGAL REFERENCE: 70 O.S. Section 8-114.