

ADMISSION OF OPEN ENROLLMENT STUDENTS
(INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER)

The Fairfield City School District Board of Education permits any student from any other district in the state to apply and enroll in the District schools free of any tuition obligation, provided that all procedures and requirements as outlined in the administrative regulations are met. Requirements include:

1. application procedures, including deadlines for application and notification to students of acceptance or rejection and the superintendents of other districts whenever another district's student's application is approved;
2. procedures for admission;
3. District capacity limits by grade level, school building and educational program are determined. No new programs or units will be added and no existing programs or units will be expanded. The number of openings in a particular program for students from other Ohio districts will be determined by optimum size for a particular program, classroom/school building or grade level which is the number of students that can be accommodated without increasing District expenditures for staff, space or equipment.
4. resident students and previously enrolled district students have preference over first-time applicants;
5. no requirements of academic, athletic, artistic or any other skill or proficiency;
6. no limitations on admitting students with disabilities, unless services required in an IEP are not available with existing personnel or resources in the district or enrollment limits for special education are exceeded;
7. no requirement that the student be proficient in the English language;
8. no rejection of any applying student because the student has been subject to disciplinary proceedings, except an applicant who has been suspended or expelled by a district for 10 consecutive days or more in the term for which admission is sought or in the term immediately preceding the term for which admission is sought and
9. procedures to ensure maintenance of an appropriate racial balance in the District's schools.

Fairfield City School District cannot refuse to accept the credits earned by students who have participated in open enrollment, neither will the Board adopt a policy that discourages resident students from participating in open enrollment.

Applications must be submitted for renewal each school year in the specified timeframe.

If a student transfers (changes) high schools at any time after establishing eligibility as a ninth grader (either by attending a school for five days or playing in a fall sport prior to the beginning of school), the student is INELIGIBLE at the new high school for the first fifty percent (50%) of the maximum allowable regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve(12) months immediately preceding this transfer. (Further information and exceptions contained in Ohio High School Athletic Association bylaws.)

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