

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
INTER-DISTRICT
OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY**

The Eastern Local School District Board of Education resolves to permit the enrollment of students, admitted under Section 3313.98 of the Ohio Revised Code, tuition free from all Ohio districts subject to the policies, rules, regulations and conditions contained hereafter:

1. This resolution permitting interdistrict enrollment shall be effective July 1, 2009, and end June 30, 2010, renewable on an annual basis at the Board's discretion.
2. Students/parents accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program shall be accepted for one school year.
3. Native students (school age residents of the Eastern Local School District) shall have priority to all programs, buildings and grade levels over interdistrict open enrollment applicants.
4. Children of employees admitted tuition free by board policy and tuition students approved prior to June 30, 2009, shall have priority over interdistrict open enrollment applicants.
5. The Eastern Local School District shall not be required to create or add any education programs or units to serve interdistrict open enrollment students. Additionally, enrollment limits for special education and vocational units shall not be exceeded. Acceptance of special education students under open enrollment shall be governed by minimum program capacity limits established by the Ohio Department of Education.
6. Any student accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program who is a special education student shall be required to attend the school within the district where services specified in the student's IEP are currently available.
7. If the Board of Education elects to renew this policy for the 2010-11 school year, any student/parents who were accepted into and completed 2009-10 school year in the Eastern Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program have priority over new interdistrict open enrollment program applicants provided they meet the other eligibility requirements of the policy.
8. Any student/parent who ceases to reside in an eligible Ohio *district* during the 2009-10 school year who has been enrolled pursuant to this interdistrict open enrollment policy shall forfeit his/her right to attend Eastern Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program unless the parents move into another Ohio qualifying district. If the parents fail to do so, the child shall be permitted to complete the school year upon the payment of tuition prorated for the time remaining in the school year. Otherwise, the child shall be immediately withdrawn from school.

9. No student shall be accepted into the Eastern Local School District under the inter-district open enrollment program who has been suspended or expelled from school for at least 10 consecutive days in the current semester or the immediately preceding semester.

In addition, no student shall be accepted into the Eastern Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program who has been convicted and/or ruled a delinquent child for committing any of the crimes listed below:

- a. Conveying deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance.
 - b. Possessing deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance.
 - c. Carrying a concealed weapon on school property or at a school function.
 - d. Trafficking in drugs.
 - e. Murder or aggravated murder.
 - f. Voluntary or involuntary manslaughter.
 - g. Assault or aggravated assault.
 - h. Rape, gross sexual imposition or felonious sexual penetration.
 - i. Complicity in any of the above offenses.
10. The Eastern Local School District shall provide transportation on a space available basis to any student accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program just as it does to any and all students within the district. Interdistrict open enrollment program students must provide their own transportation to a bus stop within the Eastern Local School District (designated by the transportation supervisor).
 11. It is the responsibility of each student/parent who is accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program and who desires to participate in interscholastic athletic competition to take all necessary steps and present evidence of such to the superintendent of schools that they have met all standard/eligibility criteria of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Any enrolled interdistrict students who are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics and have been released by their home district are to be informed they could lose their eligibility for an entire year if or when they return to the home district. Students and parents are encouraged to become aware of and consider the OHSAA athletic eligibility guidelines before making application for interdistrict open enrollment.
 12. In order for an open enrollment candidate to be accepted into the Eastern Local School District under this policy the following conditions shall be met:
 - a. The Eastern Local School District must have available space and teacher(s) for the applicant.
 - b. An applicant will not be accepted if his/her acceptance shall exceed the building capacities set forth hereafter.
 - c. In addition to meeting the conditions of building capacity, an applicant will not be accepted if doing so would result in class sizes that exceed the following:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Maximum Enrollment</u>
K-4	20
5-8	25
9-12	25

Notwithstanding the above grade level enrollment limits, individual course enrollments in grades 7-12 shall not exceed the available number of teaching stations or enrollment limits established by state regulations. At the time, applications are submitted, applicants in grades 7-12 must submit a list of courses being requested so that a determination can be made whether space is available for interdistrict open enrollment students. No student, once accepted, will be displaced should the enrollment exceed the limits stated above.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The following shall be the process for obtaining and approving applications to the open enrollment program:

1. The district shall conduct parent information meetings outlining policies, rules and regulations pertaining to the interdistrict open enrollment program including the application process during the month of June, 2009. This district shall utilize advertisements and/or articles in the local newspapers to publicize the meetings.
2. Applicants entered in the interdistrict open enrollment plan must enter at the beginning of the school year. No students shall be accepted in the program after the school year begins. However, the resident school district and the open enrollment school district may agree to waive the deadline if extenuating circumstances exist.
3. Parents of students wanting to enroll in the interdistrict open enrollment program must submit a completed written application and have it on file in the superintendent's office no later than July 14.
4. Parents of students accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program shall be notified by letter postmarked no later than August 1, 2009. All decisions granting acceptance into the program shall be final.
5. Once the superintendent has determined the student openings available for the 2009-10 school year pursuant to this policy, he shall place the applications of all students seeking assignment to available opening(s) (i.e. grade 1) into a container and draw the names out on a lottery basis until the available openings in that grade have been filled. This process will be repeated for all grade level openings where there are more applicants than there are openings available.

6. The superintendent shall have available for public review a list of all student openings for the 2009-10 school year after applying the building and grade openings as required by this policy.