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### **Revised Policy - Vol. 43, No. 2**

#### **5113 - ADMISSION OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING UNDER DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT**

It is the policy of the Board of Education to allow any student

**DRAFTING NOTE:** Choose one (1) or both of the following options

(X ) who is a bona-fide student of a local school district associated with this joint vocational school district or a student who is not a native student of the District if the student's parent is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in Ohio and who provides the District with a copy of the parent's official written order verifying the parent's status as an active duty member of the armed forces

(X ) who is a bona-fide student of an Ohio public school district to enroll in the programs of this District **[END OF OPTIONS]**

providing each enrollment is in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State concerning Inter-District Open Enrollment, the provisions of this policy, and the implementing administrative guidelines.

#### **Member Districts**

Those school districts that are formally a part of this Career Center.

#### **Home School**

The school in a member district from which the Career Center emanates.

#### **Open Enrollment**

State-mandated options, policies, and regulations concerning the Board's authority to adopt resolutions regarding inter-district enrollment policies and guidelines. Inter-district open enrollment permits the admission of students to the Career Center from adjacent districts or any other district in Ohio.

#### **Other-District**

Any school district in Ohio.

#### **Other-District Student**

A resident student of any other district who enrolls, or seeks to enroll, in this District.

#### **Resident Native Student**

Any student of a member district who resides in that district.

#### **Active Duty Member**

A member of the armed forces of the United States who is on full-time duty.

### **Adjacent-District**

A student who enrolls in a member district and who also enrolls (seeks to enroll) in this District and the District does not contain the territory of the district in which that student is a native student but does contain the territory of the district in which the student is enrolled (pursuant to R.C. 3313.64 or 3313.65).

### **Armed Forces**

Armed forces means the United States army, navy, air force, space force, marine corps, and coast guard.

### **Program**

Any one of the specific course offerings of this District.

### **Program Size**

The restrictions on a number of students in a program due to circumstances unique to that specific program, the terms of a collectively-bargained, negotiated agreement, and/or financial or operating conditions of the District.

### **Racial Balance**

"Racial" refers to minorities classified as Afro-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, or Native-American students. "Balance" refers to the percentage of "racial" students in a District program, classroom, or school.

The Superintendent shall prepare guidelines for the implementation of this policy in ways that comply with relevant State laws and guidelines and establish procedures that provide for the following:

- A. Nondiscrimination on the basis of grade level, including academic ability; English language proficiency; or any level of artistic, athletic, or extra-curricular skills. A student's application cannot be denied because of disciplinary action in the student's home school, except for a suspension or expulsion for ten (10) consecutive days or more that occurs in the current semester or the semester immediately preceding the application. If the District does not currently provide services required for a disabled student, the application may be denied.
- B. Application procedures including the criteria by which applications from out-of-district students shall be reviewed and prioritized.
- C. Maintenance of appropriate racial balance in District schools, classrooms, and programs.
- D. Communications with applicants and their parents concerning this policy and the District's guidelines, including the timelines for application and notification.
- E. Athletic eligibility complies with State regulations and the provisions set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- F. Any transportation provided by the District for an adjacent-district or other-district student takes place within established bus routes and bus stops within the District.

### **Enrollment of a Student of a Military Family**

Enrollment of a military child shall comply with the same procedures required by law for other open enrollments. No tuition may be charged for military children who enroll under the exception.

Additionally, a student enrolled under the District's open enrollment policy exception for military children may continue to attend school in the District and receive transportation services for the remainder of the school year if the student's parent is discharged or released from active duty. After the conclusion of that school year, the student is not eligible to attend school in the District under the exception, as long as the student does not have a parent on active duty.

### **General Provisions**

The District's Inter-District Open Enrollment procedures shall not include any requirement of academic ability, or any level of athletic, artistic, or other extra-curricular skills. **[DRAFTING NOTE: If the Board wants to restrict admission on the basis of academic, athletic, artistic, or other skills, the Board may submit a plan proposing such restricted**

**admission to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW"); if the DEW approves the plan, the Board will need to remove the preceding sentence and make other relevant revisions to the policy to address the restricted admission's criteria and procedures.]**

The District will also not limit an applicant's admission because of the student's disability unless the services described in the student's individualized education program ("IEP") are not available in the District's schools. Further, the District will not refuse an applicant's admission due to the child's limited English language proficiency. Finally, an applicant will not be rejected because the student has been subject to disciplinary proceedings, except that if an applicant has been suspended or expelled by the student's district for ten (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, the District will deny admission to said applicant.

The Board reserves the right to object to the Open Enrollment of a District student to another district in order to maintain an appropriate racial balance. If the Board of a student's home school district objects to a transfer of one of its students to this District for the same reason, this Board will deny the transfer unless the tuition fee is paid for the student.

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board to determine whether to adopt a resolution to continue the policy or to rescind Inter-District Open Enrollment. The Board reserves the right to modify the conditions under which Inter-District Open Enrollment would continue for any particular program, classroom, or school.

**The Superintendent shall report to the DEW all information required by R.C. 3319.981.**

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