

Ross SD

Board Policy

Interdistrict Attendance

BP 5117

Students

Students residing outside the Ross School District boundaries may only attend the school by obtaining an approved Interdistrict Transfer ("IDT"). The Ross School District believes that the best interests of a student are generally served by attendance at the student's local community school and that Marin County has excellent schools throughout the county. As a Basic Aid District, Ross school does not receive additional state funding sufficient to support the cost of students who transfer into the district. Therefore, IDTs will be granted only under exceptional circumstances and are approved or denied on an annual basis.

Categories of IDTs:

1. Employment-related
2. Discretionary
3. Transitional
4. All Categories of IDT's must be renewed annually.

Criteria for Consideration

The following factors (not in rank order) will be considered in deciding whether to accept or reject an application for any of the above-listed IDT categories:

1. Impact on Class Size
2. The financial impact on the school
3. The student's behavior and attendance record
4. The determination of the school that it would be in the best interests of the student or the school for the IDT to be denied.

Employment-related IDTs are limited to children of Federal, State or Local Governmental employees working full-time within the boundaries of the district.

Due to a merge between the Ross Fire Department and the Ross Valley Fire

Department, Ross firefighters who were employed by the Town of Ross prior to July 1, 2012 will still be considered as local government employees.

Discretionary IDTs are limited to:

1. Unusual circumstances when a principal in a neighboring school district requests such transfer for the well-being of a child or
2. Circumstances where special child care needs exist per Education Code 46601.5(b). Annual verification of the location and relationship of the child care provider is required for continued eligibility as a child care related IDT.

Transitional IDTs may be granted only to students who are presently attending the school and:

1. Move out of the district because of a death, divorce, or medically documented disability of a parent/guardian in the family. In order to give families the option to provide continuity for the student's education while the student adjusts to the changes in the student's circumstances, the transition period will allow the student to remain at the school to complete the school year in which the death, divorce, or medically documented disability occurs, plus one additional year at the school, if requested. However, if the student has begun sixth grade prior to the death, divorce, or medically documented disability of a parent/guardian in the family, the IDT may be extended to enable the student to complete middle school.
2. Move out of the district due to sale of a residence, loss of a lease, or some similar event causing a change in the student's residence. The transition period will allow the student to remain at the school to complete the current school year at the school. If the student has begun seventh grade at Ross school, the IDT may be extended to allow the student to complete middle school.

Transitional IDTs will not be renewed after the transitional period has expired. The school year is defined as the first day of school through the last day of school per the board adopted calendar.

The status of siblings (including but not limited to the fact that one or more siblings are in middle school) shall NOT be considered as a reason for granting or extending an IDT.

An IDT may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the school for either of the following reasons:

1. Student misconduct or unacceptable attendance record.
2. The application for the IDT, including statements made to the school, contains material misinformation or is fraudulent

Initial approval of an IDT for a student carries no guarantee as to any future approval or renewal of an IDT or any additional IDT for the student or any siblings.

Failure to Obtain a Valid IDT

Any out-of-district student who attends the school without a valid IDT, whether intentional, knowingly or not, shall be immediately transferred to the district of the student's residence as soon as such attendance becomes known to the school.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements

48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48300-48315 Student attendance alternatives

48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances

48915.1 Expelled individuals: enrollment in another district

48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures

48980 Notice at beginning of term

52317 ROP, enrollment of students, interdistrict attendance

GOVERNMENT CODE

6250-6270 Public Records Act

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 198 (2001)

87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 132 (2004)

COURT DECISIONS

Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District, (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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