Limiting Interdistrict Transfer Students to All-Remote Instruction

July 23, 2020

Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidance authorizes school districts to require nonresident (interdistrict) transfer students to be served in an all-remote instructional setting for the entire school year.

The two resolutions provided below are for districts that will implement this practice. Both resolutions limit interdistrict transfer students to an all-remote instructional method. The second resolution is for districts that will also exclude interdistrict transfer students who are receiving all-remote instruction from participating in extracurricular activities and elective courses open only to students in a particular University Interscholastic League (UIL) activity.
Resolution of the Board Limiting Interdistrict Transfer Students to All-Remote Instruction

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 11.151 gives the Board of Trustees the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District;

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code, Chapter 25, authorizes school districts to accept interdistrict transfer students in accordance with Chapter 25, Subchapter B;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has authorized the Superintendent to accept transfer requests from interdistrict students in accordance with Board-adopted policy FDA(LOCAL); and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidance authorizes school districts to require nonresident (interdistrict) transfer students to be served in an all-remote instructional setting for the entire school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the 2020–21 school year, the Board of Trustees of _______________ School District approves the following provision:

[If the District has previously adopted a resolution to also exclude interdistrict transfer students from extracurricular activities and/or elective courses open only to students participating in a particular UIL activity, the District might wish to also include a reference to that resolution here.]

An interdistrict transfer student accepted for attendance in the _______________ School District for the 2020–21 school year shall be served only through an all-remote instructional method, whether synchronous or asynchronous, and shall not be permitted to participate in on-campus instruction during the period for which the district offers all-remote instructional methods.

The authority granted by this resolution shall only apply for the 2020–21 school year unless the Board takes further action.

Adopted this ______ (date) day of _______________ (month), ______ (year), by the Board of Trustees.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary
Resolution of the Board Limiting Interdistrict Transfer Students to All-Remote Instruction and Excluding Them from Extracurricular Activities and Elective Courses

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 11.151 gives the Board of Trustees the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District;

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code, Chapter 25, authorizes school districts to accept interdistrict transfer students in accordance with Chapter 25, Subchapter B;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has authorized the Superintendent to accept transfer requests from interdistrict students in accordance with Board-adopted policy FDA(LOCAL);

WHEREAS, Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidance authorizes school districts to require nonresident (interdistrict) transfer students to be served in an all-remote instructional setting for the entire school year;

WHEREAS, the TEA guidance authorizes school districts to develop local policy that would exclude interdistrict transfer students who are receiving all-remote instruction from participating in extracurricular activities and elective courses open only to students in a particular University Interscholastic League (UIL) activity;

WHEREAS, the TEA guidance states that the policy may apply to all students who are learning remotely or only to interdistrict transfer students who are learning remotely and that the exclusion policy must otherwise be applied equally to all students and to all extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the UIL has clarified that students participating in remote learning offered by their school district, whether synchronous or asynchronous, may participate in UIL activities if they meet all other UIL eligibility requirements in accordance with the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules but that districts may develop local policies with additional requirements for participation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the 2020–21 school year, the Board of Trustees of ________________ School District approves the following provision:

An interdistrict transfer student accepted for attendance in the ________________ School District for the 2020–21 school year:

- Shall be served only through an all-remote instructional method, whether synchronous or asynchronous, and shall not be permitted to participate in on-campus instruction during the period for which the District offers all-remote instructional methods; and

[Choose the option below that reflects the Board’s decision.]

Option 1: Addresses extracurricular activities only

- Shall not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activity, practice, or performance while the student is receiving all-remote instruction.

Option 2: Addresses extracurricular activities and elective courses

- Shall not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activity, practice, or performance or elective course open only to students participating in a particular UIL activity while the student is receiving all-remote instruction.
The authority granted by this resolution shall only apply for the 2020–21 school year unless the Board takes further action.

Adopted this ______ (date) day of _______________ (month), ______ (year), by the Board of Trustees.

Presiding Officer

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Secretary