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## INTRADISTRICT OPEN PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

The District's primary goal shall be to maintain the "neighborhood school" concept while providing enrollment options that meet the diverse needs and interests of district students and parents/guardians, while also maximizing the efficient use of district facilities and resources. Students living within the designated boundaries of their local school shall be given first consideration for placement. Steindorf STEAM K-8 Magnet School shall not be considered a neighborhood school.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection and transfer of students among district schools in accordance with law, Board policy, and procedure. (Cambrian Board Procedure 5116.1)

The parents/guardians of any student who resides within district boundaries may apply to enroll their child in any district school, regardless of the location of their residence within the district. (Education Code 35160.5)

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

The Board shall annually review this policy. (Education Code 35160.5, 48980)

## **Application and Selection Process**

In order to ensure that priorities for enrollment in district schools are implemented in accordance with law and Board policy, applications for Intradistrict open priority enrollment shall be submitted between the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January through March 1<sup>st</sup> or the nearest business day at 5 pm of the school year preceding the school year for which the transfer is requested. The district shall provide timely information to parents/guardians and the community each year regarding open priority enrollment procedures and program options.

The Superintendent or designee shall calculate each school's capacity in a non-arbitrary manner using student enrollment and available space. (Education Code 35160.5) If by the end of the designated time period, requests for open priority enrollment received are in excess of capacity for a particular school, students shall be selected through a random, unbiased process.

Enrollment decisions shall not be based on a student's academic or athletic performance. In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall undertake reasonable efforts such that no student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area.

## **Placement Process**

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Based on capacity and grade level space considerations students currently enrolled in a school will be assured continued enrollment at their current school of attendance.

The Superintendent or designee shall use a priority and random, unbiased lottery system will to determine the order in which students will shall be admitted to a school whenever a Cambrian school receives admission requests that are in excess of the school's capacity. (Education Code 35160.5) if there are more applicants than space available. (Procedure 5116.1 - Intradistrict Transfers Open Priority Enrollment Procedure)

A priority and lottery system will determine the order in which students will be admitted to a school if there are more applicants than space available. (cf. Procedure 5116.1 - Intradistrict Transfers Open Priority Enrollment Procedure)

Based on capacity and grade level space considerations students currently enrolled in a school will be assured continued enrollment at their current school of attendance.

If the district school requested by the student is at maximum capacity, the Superintendent or designee shall accept an intradistrict transfer request for another district school. (Education Code 46600)

The administration is hereby authorized to take such action as it deems necessary to comply with this policy in accordance with the provisions of the Education Code.

## **Transportation**

The district shall not be obligated to provide transportation for students who attend school outside their attendance area.

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