

## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About School Choice:**

### **Do I need a transfer to enroll my child in my “home” school?**

No. Families with students new to FSD who want to attend their home school you do not need to request a transfer. For more information, please contact your home school.

### **How do I apply for my child to attend a school outside my home school area?**

You will need to submit an online **Intradistrict Transfer Form** via the Fullerton School District website during the District's Open Enrollment period (January 16 – February 16, 2024). Transfers received during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for any available openings at the requested school. If there are more transfer requests than openings, a lottery will be held by March 15, 2024. Completed transfers must be submitted online to the home school by the end of the Open Enrollment period, 4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024.

### **Can I request a transfer to any school in the District?**

Yes. An Intradistrict Transfer will be considered depending upon space availability at the requested school. Students from the school's home attendance area will receive priority.

### **Can I apply to more than one school?**

No. Parents may only submit **one** Intradistrict Transfer request per child during the Open Enrollment period.

### **Is Open Enrollment a new idea for the Fullerton School District?**

No. Parents in the FSD have been able to apply to schools other than their home school for many years.

### **What's the difference between Intradistrict and Interdistrict?**

Intradistrict means within the Fullerton School District. Interdistrict means students coming from districts outside of Fullerton.

### **What do I need to do to get an Interdistrict Transfer?**

Go to your district of residence and complete an Interdistrict Transfer, which must be submitted/sent to the Fullerton School District Office.

### **What do you mean by "space available"?**

The District has established formulas and ratios that it utilizes to determine school and class capacity levels. These ratios have adjusted annually due to State budget and legislative changes.

### **When will I find out if my child has been accepted?**

Letters will be sent to parents/guardians regarding the status of their transfer request after Friday, March 15, 2024.

### **If my child is accepted, is there still a chance that he would not be allowed to attend that school?**

Yes, although school staff will do everything they can to avoid that situation. Intradistrict Transfers received by the Open Enrollment deadline and approved by March 15, 2024, are considered approved for the school year. Intradistrict Transfers received after the February 16, 2024 deadline, and Interdistrict Transfers received any time, can be revoked at any time to accommodate resident students in the event your child's grade level reaches capacity prior to the start of the school year.

### **Then where would my child go to school?**

If there is room at your home school, you might wish to return there. Otherwise, you may apply at another school in the District that has available space **starting the third week of the 2024/2025 school year.** Please contact Child Welfare and Attendance for assistance.

**What if I don't apply during the Open Enrollment Period?**

Transfers received after the close of Open Enrollment (4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024) will not be considered until the third week after the start of the 2024/2025 school year. Special circumstances may be considered by the principal of the home school.

**If my Interdistrict/Intradistrict transfer is accepted, do I have to go through the same procedure every year?**

Yes. All students on transfers must submit updated Interdistrict/Intradistrict Transfers each year.

All transfer students can also be removed for the following reasons:

- a. Lack of space at the school. Intradistrict Transfers received after the Open Enrollment deadline, (February 16, 2024) and Interdistrict Transfers received at any time, may be revoked at any time during the school year due to lack of space at the school.
- b. Unsatisfactory attendance
- c. Tardiness
- d. Failure of the parent to make and maintain adequate transportation arrangements
- e. Unsatisfactory behavior or citizenship
- f. Ceasing participation within a "specialized" school program
- g. After consulting with the parent, when the principal determines that the Intradistrict/Interdistrict attendance is no longer in the best interest of the student
- h. Providing false or misleading information on the transfer or enrollment documents

**What if one of my children is accepted to the school of transfer, but my other children are not?**

FSD would like to avoid such situations. School staff will make every effort to keep families together whenever possible. If the school is able to accommodate all siblings in a family, the school staff will make every attempt to do so, however, sometimes space will not allow.

**What if one of my children already attends a school other than his/her home school?****Is his brother or sister guaranteed a space there?**

No, although school staff will try to accommodate siblings, it is always dependent upon space availability.

**What about the alternative classes that a few schools in the District have?**

These classes may continue to have their own specific enrollment requirements as long as they are applied uniformly to all applicants.

**My child is already at another school in the District on an Intradistrict Transfer.****Will he/she be allowed to stay there?**

All students on Intradistrict Transfers must submit an Intradistrict Transfer for approval each year.

**So what are the steps to apply for a school other than my home school?**

1. The Open Enrollment period for the 2024/2025 school year will be January 16 – February 16, 2024.
2. Complete and submit an online Intradistrict Transfer request via the Fullerton School District website [www.fullertonsd.org](http://www.fullertonsd.org) no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024.
3. If there are more transfer requests than openings at the requested school, a lottery will be held by March 15, 2024.
4. Letters will be sent to parents/guardians regarding the status of their transfer request after Friday, March 15, 2024.

**If you have further questions, please contact your site principal or school office.**