

Policy for Acceptance and Rejection of School Choice Non-Resident Students

If a non-resident student seeks to attend school in the Brookland School District, the student's parent shall submit an application to the Brookland School District Superintendent's Office on the Nonresident Student Transfer Form located on the Brookland School District website and Superintendent's Office, postmarked no later than May 1 of the year in which the student seeks to begin the fall semester. A student seeking transfer must also submit the form to his or her resident school district by May 1. The Brookland School District will respond in writing no later than July 1 to notify the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) of whether the application has been accepted or denied.

A student's application may be denied by the Brookland School District for any of the following reasons, as established by the Brookland School District's Board of Directors.

- Lack of capacity in a program, class, grade level, or school building; or
- A conflict between the provisions of a district's desegregation plan or court order and the provisions of the Public School Choice Act; or
- An exemption from the Public School Choice Act declared by the Brookland School District's Board of Directors due to:
 - o An enforceable desegregation court order; or
 - o Brookland School District's court-approved desegregation plan.

A student's application may not be denied based on the student applicant's athletic or extracurricular abilities, academic achievement, English proficiency level, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability. An application may not be denied on the basis of previous disciplinary proceedings, except that an expulsion from another district may be considered.

Priority will be given to any applicant who has a sibling or stepsibling who resides in the same household and is already enrolled in Brookland School District by choice.

The Brookland School District is not required to accept any application that would cause it to add teachers, staff, or classrooms, or in any way exceed the requirements and standards established by law.

A student may transfer by choice to one nonresident school per year. A student who has transferred to our School District may return to his or her resident district at any time, but may only return to our School District by re-application and re-acceptance through the Public School Choice Act process. No student is allowed more than one school choice transfer per school year.

A present or future sibling of a student who continues enrollment in the school district under the Public School Choice Act may enroll in or continue enrollment in the Brookland School District until the sibling of the transfer student completes his or her secondary education, if the Brookland School District has the capacity to accept the sibling without adding teachers, staff, or classrooms or exceeding the regulations and standards established by law. Sibling admissions are exempt from the three percent (3%) cap limitation contained in the Public School Choice Act.

If a student is denied transfer to our School District due to limits on the number of student transfers imposed by the resident district, the student's resident district must give that student priority for a transfer the following year.

Reference: Act 1227 of 2013 (to be codified).