

RIVERDALE LOCAL SCHOOLS
INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Guidelines and Application Procedures

The Riverdale Local Schools Board of Education believes that students should, under certain prescribed circumstances, benefit from an interdistrict open enrollment policy. Guidelines for the transfer of students is based upon criteria established by the school's administration and in conjunction with recommendations from officials of the Ohio Department of Education are listed below. These guidelines are intended to be consistent with Section 3319.98 of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. Any application for an interdistrict transfer must be submitted to the Superintendent's Office of the Riverdale Local School District. Applications will be acted upon by July 15. Parents/guardians must indicate acceptance of transfer by August 1. One application must be completed for each student who requests an interdistrict transfer.
2. For grades kindergarten through eight, interdistrict enrollment limits will be two less than the number at which a class size committee would be convened as per negotiated agreement. Presently, those numbers are twenty (20) for grades k-2 and twenty-five for grades 3-8. Class limits at the high school will be on a course by course basis.
3. No student, once accepted, will be displaced should enrollment exceed the limits stated above.
4. School districts are not required to institute any special education programs to serve transfer students. If a student is evaluated for placement in a special education program, representatives of the district of residence must be invited to participate in the placement meeting.
5. Applicants shall be considered on a first-come, first-served basis with an assurance that native (home) students will not be displaced. Participants in previous projects will be given preference.
6. Applicants may be rejected if the racial balance of either the sending or receiving district would be negatively impacted.
7. The Riverdale School District will accept no responsibility for the transportation of students from other districts unless it is deemed practicable by the administration. Riverdale busses will pick-up an incoming student at the first pick-up point within the Riverdale District boundary.
8. The Riverdale School District may deny enrollment to students who have been expelled or suspended for three (3) or more consecutive days in the current term or immediately proceeding term; or have not complied with the Riverdale Code of Conduct or transportation rules on an ongoing basis.
9. Superintendents may, by mutual agreement, waive the stated enrollment deadline, should extenuating circumstances exist.
10. Student athletes who transfer to participating districts are subject to the OHSAA bylaws governing eligibility.