

The board must adopt either Option A or Option B:

OPTION A

_____ School District No. _____ opts not to receive out-of-district students through the open enrollment option.

OPTION B

Grace School District No. 148 is an open enrollment district and tuition will be waived for out-of-district students who attend this district's schools pursuant to the terms of this policy.

APPLICATION

This district will take no action to prohibit or prevent application by its students to attend school at another district or to attend another school within this district.

A student's parent/guardian must apply annually for admission to a school in this district or to another school within this district on a form provided by the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE). The application, accompanied by the student's accumulative record, must be submitted to this district by February 1 for enrollment during the following school year. The notice of application must also be given to the home district.

The superintendent or designee will review and accept or deny the applications. This district will notify the applicant within sixty (60) days. If the request for enrollment in this district or enrollment in another school is denied, the denial will include a written explanation. The denial of an application for open enrollment is not appealable to the board.

Upon agreement between the home school district and this district, or between the affected schools within this district, the deadline for applications may be waived.

HARDSHIP

The district will receive and admit students transferring from outside of the district whose tuition is paid by the district in which the student resides, or waived by this district or other legal obligation, except when such transfer would constitute a hardship on this district or the receiving school within this district.

The district may deny out-of-district student enrollment for circumstances that constitute a hardship including, but not limited to, enlarged student-teacher ratios; overcapacity of any program, class, grade level, or building; or to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its existing students and/or its educational processes.

This district is concerned about its class size and the effect enlargement of the student-teacher ratios will have upon the educational program. Therefore, this district has determined that admission of students in excess of the following ratios would work a hardship on the district, its teachers, staff, students, and educational program:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
<i>K-3</i>	<i>20:1</i>
<i>4-6</i>	<i>26:1</i>
<i>7-12</i>	<i>160 students per teacher per day</i>
<i>Exceptional Students</i>	<i>12:1</i>

The district will not consider previous academic achievement, athletic or other extracurricular ability, disabling conditions, or proficiency in the English language in the acceptance or rejection of applications for out-of-district students.

COURT ORDERED STUDENT PLACEMENT

Non-resident students who are placed by court order under provisions of the Idaho juvenile corrections or child protective acts and reside in licensed homes, agencies, and institutions will be received and admitted by the school district in which the facility is located without payment of tuition.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

Homeless children and youth as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act may attend any school district or school within a district without payment of tuition when it is determined to be in the best interest of that child.

TRANSPORTATION

For those students attending this district's schools from out-of-district, the parent/guardian will be responsible for transporting the student to and from the school or to an appropriate bus stop within this district. For those students attending another school, rather than their assigned school within this district, the parent/guardian is responsible for transporting the student to an appropriate bus stop.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

No student will gain eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities in violation of policies governing eligibility as a result of enrollment option transfer to this district.

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS

If a student applies and is accepted in this district from out of district, but fails to attend, that student will be ineligible to apply again for an enrollment option in this district.

A student who has been suspended, expelled, or may otherwise be lawfully denied enrollment is ineligible for enrollment in this district pursuant to the provisions of this policy.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

33-205 – Denial of School Attendance

33-1002B – Pupil Tuition-Equivalency Allowances

33-1401, *et seq.* – Transfer of Pupils

IDAPA 08.02.02.110 – Personnel Standards

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AMENDED:

**Language in text set forth in italics is optional.*