

BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS
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BELLAIRE, OH 43906

INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT
2022-2023

The Bellaire Local School District Board of Education believes that a student should, under certain prescribed circumstances, benefit from an interdistrict, open enrollment policy. Guidelines for the transfer of students, based upon criteria established by the schools' administration and in conjunction with recommendations from officials of the Ohio Department of Education are listed below. The specific criteria shall be consistent with ORC 3313.64 or 3313.65. Participating districts for Bellaire include any and all school districts within the State of Ohio.

1. Any application for an interdistrict transfer must be submitted to the superintendent's office of the student's intended district of enrollment the *second Monday in April and not later than the first Friday in May*. Applications will be acted upon the second Monday in June. A second window will be established by the Superintendent before the new year begins. One application must be submitted **each** year for **each student** who requests an interdistrict transfer. Copies of application and approvals shall be provided to the Superintendent's office of the student's district of residence.

2.No interdistrict transfer will be permitted if the enrollment of the grade level, class level and building level being requested at the receiving district exceeds the following:
(Enrollment limits for grade levels are different and may change each year).

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>GRADE LEVEL ENROLLMENT LIMIT</u>
K - 4	Bellaire Elementary	25 Per Class
5 - 8	Bellaire Middle School	25 Per Class

Individual high school class enrollment is set by available stations.

3. No student, once accepted in that school year by the receiving district, will be displaced, should enrollment exceed the limits stated above.
4. Second semester transfers will be considered in courses where semester credits are given. **Applications must be received no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the beginning of the second semester.**
5. Enrollment in a special program, i.e., gifted, learning disabilities and developmental handicapped, etc., will dictate if a student can attend, as many of the units are cooperative among several districts and may not be housed in the child's district of residence.
6. Students with handicapping conditions may be rejected for interdistrict transfer if the services described in the student's IEP are not available in the receiving district's schools. Enrollment limits per special education class shall not be exceeded.
7. Districts are not required to institute any special education programs to serve transfer students.
8. OHSAA Athletic eligibility guidelines and Bellaire Local Schools guidelines will be in effect.
9. Students with discipline problems may be rejected for interdistrict transfer if they have been suspended or expelled by the sending district for seven (7) days or more in the current term or school year application is made.
10. Applicants shall be considered on a first-come, first-served, basis, annually, with an assurance that native students will not be displaced and participants in the previous year's project will be given preference. Enrollment levels will determine annual approval. (i.e. approval one year does not guarantee approval in the future.)
11. Applicants may be rejected if the racial balance of either the sending or the receiving school district would be negatively impacted.
12. With negotiated labor agreements district employee students will be considered resident students and will not be excluded.
13. Upon the request of a parent/guardian, and provided the board of education offers transportation to native (home)students of the same grade and distance from school, a board of education enrolling an adjacent school district's disabled and non-disabled student shall provide transportation for the student within the boundaries of the educating school district.
Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting students to designated pick-up points in educating school districts.
14. Applications received after the designated dates may be considered on individual basis if extenuating circumstances exists.
15. **All approved transfers are in effect for one school year only.**

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