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Student Transfer Frequently Asked Questions

Beginning in January 2022, the Noble Board of Education will establish, report, and post our capacity to accept transfers at each site and grade level, on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year. Our capacities are posted monthly on our website. A link to the application for Student Transfers is located on our website and may be picked up in person at the administrative offices located at 111 S. 4th Street, Noble, Oklahoma.

Pre-K: 20 students per classroom; 10 students per adult in the classroom

Kindergarten: 20 students per teacher (excludes PE, Music, and special classes) unless additional class would have fewer than 10 students or unless a teacher's assistant is hired.

Grades 1-3: 20 students per teacher (excludes PE, Music, and special classes) unless additional class would have fewer than 10 students or unless a teacher's assistant is hired.

Grades 4-6: 20 students per teacher (excludes PE, Music, and special classes) unless additional class would have fewer than 16 students.

Secondary: 140 students per day (excludes PE, Music, and special classes)

Under policy FE, Student Transfers, all students approved on a transfer will not be required to reapply each year. Students and Parents will be notified of any transfers that are being denied for the next school year. Capacity, student discipline, and attendance issues are the only reasons for denial of a transfer request.

Under SB 783, Noble Public Schools accepts transfers at any time of the school year subject to capacity limits. Beginning January 1, 2022, all transfer requests received will be dated and time-stamped so they can be acted upon on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with state law. All mid-year transfer requests will be acted upon within four business days.

Beginning January 1, 2022, Noble Public Schools will post to our website and to the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the capacity to accept transfers for each grade level at each school site by the first day of January, April, July, and October. Data on the number of transfers by grade level and site will be reported to the OSDE. Districts also must submit data to the SDE of transfer denials, including the reason for denial.



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Transfer requests for the following school year will not be approved nor denied until at least July 1 of the following year unless the denial is for disciplinary or attendance issues.

Under what circumstances can districts deny a new student applying for a transfer? Transfers must be accepted in the order in which applications are submitted. Transfers may only be denied if the district has exceeded its enrollment capacity or for student discipline or attendance issues. A student who applies for a transfer and whose parent/guardian is an active member of the military or a member of the military reserve on active duty cannot be denied a transfer because of capacity limitations. One parent of the student has a Department of Defense issued identification card or at least one parent can provide evidence that he or she will be on active-duty status or active-duty orders, meaning the parent will be temporarily transferred in compliance with official orders to another location in support of combat, contingency operations or a national disaster requiring the use of orders for more than thirty consecutive days.

Are transfer requests under the new law considered requests to a specific school site? This portion of the rule does not apply to Noble Public Schools as all sites are grade specific.

Do children of district employees receive preference in the transfer process? SB 783 specifies that a child of a parent/legal guardian employed as a teacher in a district shall be allowed to transfer into that district regardless of capacity. The bill used the statutory definition of teacher in 70 OS 1- 116, which includes teachers, nurses, librarians, counselors, and administrators who are certified. The law does not include preferential transfer status for children of support employees. However, districts can ensure the transfer process and timelines are well communicated to all employees.

May siblings of current students receive any preference in the transfer process? No, but siblings may be granted a transfer as long as the school district has capacity, and the sibling is not otherwise disqualified due to attendance or misconduct. The new law requires that all applications be considered in the order that they are received by the district.

How does the new law affect athletic eligibility? SB 783 did not change athletic eligibility rules for students who transfer to another district. A transfer student may not participate in Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association extramural athletic competitions for one full year unless granted a hardship waiver by the OSSAA. However, the student may participate if he or she transfers from a school district that does not offer the grade the student is entitled to pursue as per 70 O.S. § 8-103.2.

What happens if a district denies a transfer? After school district administration denies a transfer, the parent or legal guardian of the student has 10 days to appeal the denial to the local board of education. The board must consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled board meeting if notice is provided



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prior to the statutory deadline for posting the agenda for the meeting. The appeal process will occur in executive session to protect the student's privacy, although the vote on whether to deny or accept the appeal must be conducted in the public meeting. Appeals will be a paper-only appeal process. If the Noble Board of Education votes to uphold the denial of the transfer, the parent or legal guardian may appeal the denial within ten days of the notification to the appeal denial to the State Board of Education. The parent or legal guardian shall submit to the State Board of Education and to the superintendent of the district, a notice of appeal on the form prescribed by the State Board of Education.

Do foster care children receive a preference when transferring? Yes. Any child in the custody of the Department of Human Services in foster care who is living in the home of a student who transfers may then transfer to that school district regardless of capacity.

Does the new law change transfers for special education students? No. Noble Public Schools will continue to follow existing law and policy. The receiving district shall establish availability of the appropriate program, staff, and services prior to approval of the transfer. Prior to the approval of the transfer of a child on an individualized education program, (IEP), a joint IP Conference shall be required between the district of residence and the receiving district. Upon approval of the transfer, the receiving district shall claim the child in the average daily membership for state and federal funding purposes and shall assume all responsibility for education of the child. A transfer granted for a child with disabilities for three consecutive years to the same school district shall be automatically renewed each year.

Under SB 783, is the receiving or sending school district required to provide transportation? No. Busing is not required nor provided for a student who is granted a transfer to or from Noble Public Schools.

What happens with a transfer applicant if a grade level or school site is at capacity? Noble Public Schools will create a waitlist and add the denied students to the list with a date and time stamp. The district will accept students in order from the waitlist as space becomes available.

Noble Public Schools is happy to assist any parents or students that may have additional questions about the Student Transfer Program. Please contact Jennifer Black, Administrative Assistant, at 405-872-3452, for assistance.