

1 **Nampa School District No. 131**

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3 **OPEN ENROLLMENT**

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5 Board Policy

6 The Board recognizes the desire of some parents/legal guardians to enroll their children in a
7 school which is other than their residence school, either within or outside the District. In
8 addition, the Board believes that the needs of neighborhood school students should be considered
9 along with the needs of those requesting the transfer. To the extent possible, the Superintendent
10 or designee will attempt to balance these desires and needs.

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12 Residence

13 Residence, for the purposes of this policy, is defined as the residence of the student's parent/legal
14 guardian. This is further defined as the address that is used by the parent/legal guardian that is
15 secured by a signed purchase agreement, deed of trust or rental agreement as the address for
16 mail, telephone, registration for voting and attendance zone for other school-aged family
17 members.

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19 Homeless youth, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, may attend any
20 school within the District without completing an open enrollment application, when it is
21 determined to be in the best interest of that youth. (*Idaho Code §33-1404*)

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23 Application/Approval Process

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25 Open enrollment applications will be available and may be submitted at any time throughout the
26 year. However, those applications submitted by the dates indicated in the procedures will receive
27 first consideration for open enrollment in the indicated grade.

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29 In situations where openings are limited and applicants have met the prescribed deadlines, the
30 Superintendent or designee may give priority to certain students. Priorities include, but are not
31 limited to, the following:

- 32 • Students enrolled the prior year under open enrollment at the requested school and
33 residing within the District boundaries, but outside the attendance zone.
- 34 • Students whose siblings currently attend the requested school.
- 35 • Students whose parent/legal guardian is employed by the District.

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37 The Superintendent or designee may deviate from the above priorities in order to take into
38 consideration unique circumstances or extraordinary factors.

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40 State law requires reapplication for open enrollment on an annual basis.

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42 In the event that a student's residence changes from being within the school's attendance area to
43 being out of the attendance area, continued enrollment may be permitted through the conclusion
44 of the school year, pending approval of an open enrollment application.

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46 Open enrolled students who withdraw from their transfer school, then wish to re-enroll, must
47 complete a new open enrollment application and go through the normal approval process.

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49 Students who have been expelled from another school in the previous 12 months may not be
50 eligible for open enrollment. (*Idaho Code §33-205*)

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52 The Superintendent or designee may deny an open enrollment request when such enrollment
53 would have a negative impact on the efficient use of District resources. The Superintendent or
54 designee may set numerical limits defining hardship for schools, grade levels or programs to
55 provide for appropriate and efficient use of facilities and staff.

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57 If an application is denied, the parent/legal guardian may appeal the decision to the
58 Superintendent or designee. The decision of the Superintendent or designee is final.

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60 Denial or Revocation of Open Enrollment

61 A student may be denied open enrollment, or open enrollment may be revoked, due to criteria as
62 defined by administrative procedure.

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64 Transportation

65 The Nampa School District is not responsible for transporting open enrolled students.

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67 IHSAA Sports/Activities Eligibility

68 A student who plans to participate in a varsity sport and/or activity governed by the Idaho High
69 School Activities Association (IHSAA) should review IHSAA rules prior to submitting an open
70 enrollment application form. Certain school transfers will lead to a student being ineligible to
71 participate at the varsity level for one calendar year (365 days).

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73 IHSAA rules apply to grades 6-12. Both IHSAA and Intervalley League rules apply to middle
74 school activities.

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76 Preventing or Recruiting Potential Open Enrollment Students

77 District employees will take no action to prohibit or prevent application by its students to attend
78 school in another school district or to attend another school within the District. In no case is an
79 employee of the district to recruit students outside of their attendance area. Discipline for
80 violation of this policy may involve actions up to and including dismissal.

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82 Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1404 District to Receive Pupils
83 I.C. § 33-205 Denial of School Attendance

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85 Policy History:

86 Adopted on: June 13, 2017

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