

4.4—STUDENT TRANSFERS

Interdistrict

The Bryant School District shall review and accept or reject requests for transfers, both into and out of the District, on a case by case basis at scheduled board meetings⁷

The board will consider, on a case by case basis, petitions for inter-district transfer on behalf of students (1) entering the 11th or 12th grade who wish to finish high school in a school they have attended at least one year immediately preceding the transfer request, or (2) upon recommendation by the Superintendent in situations where it is felt that a transfer will be in the best interests of the student involved. The board will not consider petitions for inter-district transfer on behalf of any student except those meeting the criteria of the preceding sentence.

The District may reject a nonresident's application for admission if its acceptance would necessitate the addition of staff or classrooms, exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building, or cause the District to provide educational services not currently provided in the affected school. The District shall reject applications that would cause it to be out of compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding desegregation.

Any student transferring from a school accredited by the Department of Education to a school in this district shall be placed into the same grade the student would have been in had the student remained at the former school. Any grades, course credits, and/or promotions received by a student while enrolled in the Division of Youth Services system of education shall be considered transferable in the same manner as those grades, course credits, and promotions from other accredited Arkansas public educational entities.

Any student transferring from a school accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education to the Bryant School District shall be placed into the same grade the student would have been in had the student remained at the former school.

Students transferring to the Bryant School District from a home school or a school that is not accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education will be evaluated as follows:

Grades 1-8: Principals will use all available information in making grade placement decisions. The principal may change the placement depending on the performance of the child. Principals may require informal testing to determine placement.

Grades 9-12: Students in grades 9-12 who have completed coursework in another school will be required to take tests in the academic areas for which credit is desired. No letter grade will be issued, only "CR" for "credit earned."

The tests will be considered by the appropriate departments. The percent of material mastered on the test will determine the credit. For example:

<u>Percent</u>	<u>Credit</u>
60-100	Full
59 or less	None

The Board of Education reserves the right, after a hearing before the Board, not to allow any student who has been expelled from another district to enroll until the time the student's expulsion has expired.

Except as otherwise required or permitted by law, the responsibility for transportation of any nonresident student admitted to a school in this District shall be borne by the student or the student's parents. The District and the resident district may enter into a written agreement with the student or student's parents to provide transportation to or from the District, or both.

Special Education students entering the District will receive services according to their current Individual Education Plan while records are gathered to confirm eligibility for services according to state and federal regulations.

Intradistrict

The following policy shall govern all requests for transfers of students to schools other than which they are assigned by District established attendance zones. The District reserves the right to transfer students to any school in the District if required to meet educational or statutory requirements.

Parent/guardian transfer requests

All students must attend school in the attendance zone in which they live unless a different assignment is made by District administration to comply with state regulations or for educational reasons.

Exceptions:

- a. Families who move to a different home within the District during the course of the school year may request that their child(ren) be allowed to finish the current school year at the same school where they began the year. Approval will only be considered if the parents agree to provide transportation.
- b. Students may be permitted, when parents/guardians provide documentation of the purchase/rental of a home at the beginning of the school year that they have not yet occupied, to enroll in a school in the attendance zone that corresponds to the new home address for up to 45 days. If the family is not residing in the home by the end of the 45-day period, the student(s) must be transferred to the school that corresponds to the current home address.
- c. When the District must place a student in a school other than the one that is zoned for their residence address, the parents may apply for any siblings to also be transferred to the new school, space permitting.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-316
 A.C.A. § 6-18-510
 A.C.A. § 6-15-504 (f)
 A.C.A. § 9-28-113(b)(4)

A.C.A. § 9-28-205
State Board of Education Standards of Accreditation 12.05

Date Adopted: December 15, 2014

Last Revised: June 23, 2016