

OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY

The Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 believes that to promote quality education for all students, students who reside out of the District, or outside of their attendance zone, may apply to attend school in Mountain Home School District. The Board of Trustees of the Mountain Home School District No. 193, in conformance with Idaho Code, Sections 33-1402 and 33-1404, hereby adopt the following written guidelines governing the admission of nonresident students by the District.

Students may transfer to MHSD without payment of tuition as long as the district in which the student resides provides a full program or similar educational opportunity for students of grades K-12, and special programs.

Mountain Home School District (MHSD) 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.

APPLICATION:

A student's parent/guardian must apply annually, by February 1 of the year preceding the school year of enrollment 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 must contain the student's accumulative school record. 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.

Applicant shall receive an answer as to acceptance within 60-days of receipt of the application; if enrollment is denied, the denial will include a brief written explanation. The denial of an application for open enrollment is not appealable to the Board.

The Board of Trustees may upon agreement between the home school district and this district, or between the affected schools within this district, waive the deadline for applications.

HARDSHIP:

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

2. MHSD reserves the right to and may deny or remove out-of-district enrollments (students) for circumstances that constitute a hardship including, but not limited to, school or program overcrowding; unacceptable behavior; false or misleading information on the application; lack of academic progress; poor attendance; issues with late arrival/pick-up times; other circumstances that interfere with the learning environment as determined by the Superintendent or designee; 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.
3. In order to attract and keep quality employees, any employee of Mountain Home School District may enroll their children at any time and without payment of tuition.

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

33-135 – Teachers – Classroom Size - Reporting

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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