

**WILLIAMSSBURG LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR
Resolution #019-1671 / Adoption Date: 02.11.2019
by the Williamsburg Local School Board of Education**

ADMISSION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS

The Williamsburg Local School District resolves to permit the enrollment of students, admitted under Section 3313.98 of the Ohio Revised Code, tuition free, from any district in the state of Ohio subject to the policies, regulations, conditions contained hereafter:

1. This resolution permitting interdistrict enrollment shall become effective July 1, 2019 and ends June 30, 2020.
2. Students/parents accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program shall be accepted for one school year. Students who begin but choose not to complete the entire 2019-2020 school year in the Williamsburg Local School District and who return to their resident school district during the 2019-2020 school year will not be permitted to apply for interdistrict open enrollment status for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Native students (school residents of the Williamsburg Local School District) shall have priority to all programs, buildings and grade levels over interdistrict open enrollment applicants.
4. Children of employees admitted tuition free by board policy and tuition students approved prior to June 30, 2019, shall have priority over interdistrict open enrollment applicants.
5. No student shall be accepted under the interdistrict open enrollment program into a class, course or program that is not housed within the Williamsburg Local School District proper. The Williamsburg Local School District shall not be required to create or add any education programs or units to serve interdistrict open enrollment students. Additionally, enrollment limits for special education and vocational units shall not be exceeded.
6. Any student accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program who is a special education student shall be required to attend the school within the district where services specified in the student's IEP are currently available.
7. If the board of education elects to renew this policy for the 2020-2021 school year, any students/parents who were accepted into and completed the 2019-2020 school year in the Williamsburg Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program and who are eligible (reside in an Ohio district) and reapply pursuant to a succeeding year interdistrict open enrollment program shall have priority over new interdistrict open enrollment program applicants provided they meet the other eligibility requirements of this policy.

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8. No student shall be accepted in the Williamsburg Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program who has been suspended or expelled from school for at least ten (10) days in the current semester or the immediately preceding semester.

In addition, no student shall be accepted in the Williamsburg Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program who has been convicted and/or ruled a delinquent child for committing any of the crimes listed below:

- a. Conveying deadly weapons or dangerous ordinance;
- b. Possessing deadly weapons or dangerous ordinance;
- c. Carrying a concealed weapon on school property or at a school function;
- d. Trafficking in drugs;
- e. Murder or aggravated murder;
- f. Voluntary or involuntary manslaughter
- g. Assault or aggravated assault;
- h. Rape, gross sexual imposition or felonious sexual penetration; and/or
- i. Complicity in any of the above offenses.

9. No student shall be accepted in the Williamsburg Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program who has received seven or more non-disciplinary, unexcused absences in the previous school year regardless of whether or not the student was enrolled under this program or in another district the previous school year.

10. The Williamsburg Local School District may provide transportation on a space available basis to any student accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program just as it does to any and all students within the district. Interdistrict open enrollment program students must provide their own transportation to a bus stop within the Williamsburg Local School District (designated by the Superintendent).

11. It is the responsibility of each student/parent who is accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program and who desires to participate in interscholastic athletic competition to take all necessary steps and present evidence of such to the Superintendent of schools that they have met all standard/eligibility criteria of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

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12. In order for an open enrollment candidate to be accepted into the Williamsburg Local School District under this policy, the following conditions shall be met:

a. The Williamsburg Local School District must have available space and teacher (s) for applicant;

b. An applicant will not be accepted if his/her acceptance shall exceed the building capacities set forth hereafter:

Williamsburg Elementary School	600
Williamsburg Middle/High School	650

c. In addition to meeting the conditions of building capacity, an applicant will not be accepted if doing so would result in class sizes that exceed the following:

Grade Level	Maximum Classroom Enrollment
K-5	25
6-8	28
9-12	30

Notwithstanding the above grade level enrollment limits, individual course enrollments in grades 6-12 shall not exceed the available number of teaching stations or enrollment limits established by state regulation. At the time applications are submitted, applicants in grades 6-12 must submit a list of courses being requested so that a determination can be made whether space is available for interdistrict open enrollment students. No student, once accepted, will be displaced should the enrollment exceed the limits stated above.

d. Any student who has been an open enrollment student for three consecutive years will be exempt from class size limitations. The student must meet all other guidelines of the open enrollment policy in order to qualify for the exemption.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

The following shall be the process for obtaining and approving applications to the open enrollment program:

1. The district shall conduct a parent information meeting outlining the policies, rules, and regulations pertaining to the interdistrict open enrollment program including the application process during the month of March or April, 2019. The district shall utilize advertisements and/or articles in the local media to publicize the meeting.
2. Applicants entered into interdistrict open enrollment plan must enter at the beginning of the school year. No students will be accepted in the program after the school year begins. However, Williamsburg Local School District and the resident school district may agree to waive the deadline if extenuating circumstances exist.
3. Parents of a student wanting to enroll in the interdistrict open enrollment program must submit a completed written application and have it on file in the superintendent's office no later than Friday, May 17, 2019. Each application will be dated and time stamped as to receipt in the Superintendent's office.
4. Once the Superintendent has determined the student openings available for the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to this policy, he/she shall review the applications of all students seeking assignment to available opening(s) (e.g.; grade one) and assign the applicants according to the date and time received by the Superintendent until the available openings in the grade have been filled. This process will be repeated for all grade level openings where there are more applicants than there are openings available.
5. The Superintendent shall have available for public review a list of all student openings for the 2019-2020 school year after applying the building and grade openings as required by this policy.

LEGAL REFS: ORC 3313.64, 3313.65, 3317

BOARD ADOPTION:

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