



POLICY

MEETING OF: April 28, 2015

TITLE: Governing Board Policy JFB - Open Enrollment and School Choice - Proposed Revisions Relative to School Choice Placement Priorities (revision)

ITEM #: 7

Information:

Study: X

Action:

PURPOSE:

The proposed revisions to Policy JFB are provided so the Governing Board may consider the placement priority for children of employees and out-of-District students.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The District has an open-enrollment program as set forth in A.R.S. 15-816 et seq. In addition to the open-enrollment program, the District has a magnet program; together they form the District's School Choice Program.

Each student shall be assigned to an attendance zone school based on the student's legal address. If a student does not apply to another school or accept pipeline placement, the student will automatically be assigned to his or her attendance zone school.

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE POLICY:

A student wishing to enroll at a school other than his or her attendance zone school may apply to that school by filing an application to a magnet school/program or to any school through open enrollment.

Students will be placed at a school if capacity is available at that school and they will be placed to meet integration targets established to move each school and grade closer to the ethnic/racial composition of the District. District resident pupils will be placed before pupils that reside outside the District.

The 2013-14 Admissions Process for Oversubscribed Schools (lottery priorities) was approved by the Board in December 2013 to implement portions of the Student Assignment Section of the USP. It was approved by the special Master and Plaintiffs in February 2014 and was incorporated into Policy JFB as approved by the Board in May 2014.

In December 2014, the preferential placement for children of employees was presented as an information item to the Governing Board and staff was directed to explore the viability of such changes and draft an appropriate changes for consideration by the Board.

Eugene Butler, Julie Tolleson, Charlotte Patterson and/or Bryant Nodine will be available to respond to questions.

REPLACES WHAT POLICY:

Policy JFB dated May 13, 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The new Policy JFB is the existing school choice policy with the following key changes: 1. children of employees are placed early in the lottery process, just after siblings; and,
2. out-of-district students are provided the same preference as TUSD students if they are already in a TUSD program or school or if they already have a sibling in the school they are applying to.

OTHER POLICIES IMPACTED:

WHO HAS REVIEWED THE POLICY:

TUSD Legal, School and Community Services, Desegregation and leadership. It is scheduled for review by the Special Master.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the Agreement after approval:

For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

District Budget
State/Federal Funds
Other

Budget Cost Budget Code

INITIATOR(S):


Bryant Nodine, Acting Director of Planning and Student Assignment 4/17/15

Name Title Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

ATTACHMENTS:

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