

Interdistrict Transfers

ORS 339.005 through 155 generally prescribes that students will attend the schools within the public school district in which their parents reside and that said public school district is charged with providing an appropriate educational program for resident students on a tuition-free basis. School districts are permitted to admit non-resident students on a tuition fee basis. School districts may also enter into agreements with other districts to admit each other's students per ORS 339.133 (6) which states: persons whose legal residence is not within the district but who attend school in the district with the written consent of the affected district school boards shall be considered to be residents of the district in which the person attends school for purposes of the receipt by that district of Basic School Support fund moneys for the person."

Transfers In From Other Districts

The Lowell School District may admit non-resident students on the following basis:

1. Payment of tuition – non-resident students wishing to attend Lowell Schools may be admitted subject to payment of tuition by the sending district or the student's family. Tuition will be the actual cost of the program in which the student wishes to participate or the estimated average per pupil expenditure for the year of proposed attendance per applicable ORS. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The student's grades, attendance and personal behavior must meet the district's standards in order to be admitted and for continuing enrollment.
2. Mutual exchange agreement – non-resident students wishing to attend Lowell Schools may be admitted on a tuition-free basis if there is a written agreement with the sending district mutually agreeing to a one-for-one exchange of transfer students.
3. School related transportation is the responsibility of the parent for all students transferring into the district. Transfer students may be permitted to ride district buses on existing routes and to/from existing bus stops provided there is adequate space on the bus. Such riding privileges are subject to the district's bus rules and discipline code

Transfers Out To Other Districts

The Lowell School District may release resident students to attend school in another public school district on the following basis:

1. Payment of tuition – resident students wishing to attend school in another district may do so upon payment of the required tuition by the student's family. Lowell School District may elect to pay the tuition only in extraordinary circumstances in which the student requires special education or alternative programming or services that are not practical for the district to provide.

2. Mutual exchange agreement – resident students wishing to attend school in another public school district may be released subject to a mutual one-for-one exchange agreement between Lowell School District and the district to which the student wishes to transfer. The following procedures will apply:
 - a. It is expected that the net of transfers out will equal transfers in.
 - b. All transfers out of district will be for a single school year. It will be necessary to request a renewal of the release on an annual basis.
 - c. In the event the number of students wishing to transfer out exceeds the number of students wishing to transfer in, a “waiting list” will be developed based upon the date the written transfer request is received.
 - d. Renewal of prior year transfer approval where the corresponding prior year exchanged student is no longer enrolled in Lowell School District will cause a hold on the top of the waiting list until an additional exchanged student is enrolled.
 - e. The required one-for-one exchange may be temporarily waived for extraordinary circumstances such as a medically verified health and/or well-being condition of the student or in the event the student’s family moves into Lowell School District during the student’s junior or senior year of high school.

3. School related transportation is the responsibility of the parent for all students transferring out of district. Transfer students may be permitted to ride district buses on existing routes and to/from existing bus stops provided there is adequate space on the bus. Such riding privileges are subject to the district’s bus rules and discipline code.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:
ORS 339.115
ORS 339.133