

CROMWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

STUDENTS
Interdistrict Choice

Adopted: 11/14/00

Revised:

The Board of Education recognizes that students may benefit from having a choice of schools to attend within a public school system that is not limited by school and/or district boundaries. Public school choice will (1) provide parents and students with greater opportunities to choose the school and/or program that best meets the academic needs of the student; (2) positively influence the level of parent involvement and student motivation; (3) improve academic achievement; (4) reduce racial, ethnic and economic balance; and (5) provide a choice of educational programs for students.

The District will cooperate with the appropriate regional educational service center in the planning and implementation of the state-wide inter-district public school attendance program in accordance with the timelines and provisions contained within C.G.S. 10-04a as amended by PA 970290, "An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities," and C.G.S. 10-266aa as amended by P.A. 99-289, "An Act Concerning School Choice and Interdistrict Programs."

Non-resident students from other school districts within the state, beginning with the 1998-1999 school year (districts in the Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport regions, 2000-2001 for districts in the New Britain, New London, Waterbury and Windham regions and in school year 2001-2002 for the remaining priority school districts) who apply pursuant to the regulations approved by the Board, may enroll in particular programs or schools in districts in the surrounding areas on a space available basis, without payment of tuition except that the District shall receive an amount, within available appropriations, from the Department of Education, for each out-of-district student attending a school within the District. It is recognized that the Regional Service Centers shall determine which school districts in its area are located close enough to a priority school district to make transportation feasible.

In providing for admission of non-resident students, the school District shall consider:

1. Issues pertaining to the availability of space within a requested school to accommodate the enrollment request. The District will notify its RESC each year of the space it will have available for students from the surrounding area for the new school year.
2. Programs available and the possible establishment of new programs.
3. Eligibility criteria for participating in a particular program, including age requirements, course prerequisites and required levels of performance.
4. Dates of enrollment of non-resident students in a school or program.
5. The requirement that participants attending school in the District shall do so until they graduate from high school.

The Board directs the Superintendent and staff not to make any distinction on account of race, sex, ethnic group, religion or disability of any student who is in attendance or who seeks admission to any school within this District, in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy.

(cf. 5145.4 Nondiscrimination)

(cf. 5117 School Attendance Areas)

(cf. 5117-1 Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5118 Non-Resident Attendance)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- 10-4a Education interests of state defined, as amended by PA 97-290 An Act Enhancing Education Choices and Opportunities
- 10-22a Pupils or racial minorities
- 10-226b Existence or racial intolerance
- 10-226c Plan to correct imbalance
- 10-226d Approval of Plan by State Board
- 10-266a Statewide interdistrict public school attendance program, as amended by P.A. 99-289, An Act Concerning School Choice and Interdistrict Programs.