

SAN ANGELO ISD STUDENT TRANSFERS

School Year 2020-2021

In San Angelo ISD, we believe students receive a quality education regardless of the campus they attend. There are times when parents desire for their child to attend a school other than the campus of their attendance zone. Please review the following information regarding the type of transfers available for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and the application process for 2020-2021.

GENERAL TRANSFER INFORMATION

- A student's residence is defined as the permanent and principle home for the entire family unit.
- It is presumed that a student resides with the parent.
- Students must provide documentation of legal guardianship by an appropriate authority, if applicable.
- If more than one residence is owned, the student will be required to attend the school in the attendance zone where they reside.
- If a family owns a residence in one attendance zone and rents a property in another zone, the student will be required to attend the school in which the residence is owned.
- Students who have biological parents that reside in different attendance zones must attend in the school zone in which the student has permanent residence.
- Students may be asked to provide documentation offering proof of purchase or lease of the residence, official change of mailing address, a current utility bill in the parent's name, voter registration of parent/guardians indicating a new address, or driver's licenses with the current address (this is not an all-inclusive list).

TRANSFER APPLICATION TIMELINE

- March 23, 2020: Date to begin accepting transfer applications (Links to applications will be posted on the SAISD website)
- May 8, 2020: Final Deadline to accept Transfer Applications. All transfer applications must be received by this date.
- June 12, 2020: All Applicants will be notified by email of Approval/Denial/Placed on Hold status of Transfer Application no later than this date.
- August 14, 2020 Applicants whose transfer requests were placed on-hold will be notified by email of approval or denial status by this date.

No new applications for transfers will be accepted after May 8, 2020 unless any of the following exceptions apply:

- Students who become nonresidents during the course of the semester shall be permitted to continue in attendance for the remainder of the school year if they comply with Transfer Agreement Conditions. A Transfer Application must be completed when a student becomes a nonresident.
- Hardship and extenuating circumstance transfer requests are considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the school year, determined by district level administration.
- New Active Military Arrivals
- Administrative Placement
- Out of District Transfers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis throughout the year

TRANSFER APPLICATION PROCESS

A student on a transfer to a particular school ***must reapply for a transfer each year***. Transfers are not guaranteed and are good for one school year only. Only one transfer application will be accepted per student during the transfer application window.

IN-DISTRICT TRANSFERS

An In-District transfer is defined as a student that is living in the SAISD boundaries but would like to attend an SAISD campus other than the school in his/her attendance zone.

All in-district transfer applications will be submitted through an online process. A link to the online application will be posted on the SAISD website on March 23, 2020. ***A student's ID Number will be required*** in order to complete the electronic online transfer application for in-district transfers. If you do not know your student's ID number, please contact your child's school to get that information.

NOTE: If you live outside the district but you are currently on a transfer to SAISD, you will complete the electronic in-district (in-district) transfer application.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT OR NEW TO SAISD STUDENTS

An Out-of-District transfer is defined as a student that does not live in the SAISD boundaries.

All *new* out-of-district transfers and new to SAISD (including kindergarten) transfer applications will require a paper application. Applications can be printed online or picked up in the SAISD Student Services office during the application window. All parents/guardians requesting an out-of-district transfer or new to SAISD transfer request will be required to hand deliver the completed application to the SAISD Student Services office located at the SAISD Administration Building, 1621 University.

NOTE: If you are building a house in SAISD district boundaries after the school year starts but would like your child(ren) to start SAISD at the beginning of the school year, an out-of-district transfer application must be completed and a copy of the contract, showing a date, address and signatures, must be attached to the application.

ADDITIONAL TRANSFER INFORMATION

PRIORITY

If there is space available at a campus, transfer requests shall be considered based on the following criteria:

- Students who are entitled by law to a transfer
- Students placed on administrative transfer
- Students seeking enrollment in a specific program that is not offered at their home campus.
- Children of SAISD employees
- Students who have completed their previous year on a transfer
- Siblings of current student on a transfer
- Out-of-district transfers

TRANSFER REQUESTS CRITERIA

Transfer applications will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Availability of space
- Availability of instructional staff
- The student's disciplinary history
- Academic performance
- Attendance records
- Parent/guardian cooperation

REASONS FOR DENYING TRANSFER REQUESTS

Possible reasons for denial of a transfer request include, but shall not be limited to:

- Maximum enrollment in a program has been reached
- Maximum enrollment on a campus or grade level has been reached
- A transfer would result in district wide impact on a program
- Poor attendance the previous year (including tardies)
- Avoidance of disciplinary action at current school
- The student has engaged in conduct or misbehavior within the preceding year that has resulted in (a) removal to disciplinary alternative education program, (b) expulsion, or (c) revocation of transfer for excessive absences (including tardies) and/or disruptive behavior
- The student has engaged in delinquent conduct in need of supervision and is on probation or other conditional release of conduct.
- The student has been convicted of a criminal offense and is on probation or other conditional release.
- False information is provided on the transfer request.
- Lack of parent/guardian cooperation with campus staff.

TRANSFER PROBATION/REVOCATION

All transfer students are on probation during the term of their transfer. Transfers may be revoked if the student does not maintain acceptable levels of attendance, academic achievement and/or a minimal standard of behavior related to the District's Code of Conduct.

NOTE: If a student's transfer is revoked, the student will be **ineligible** for a transfer the following year to any campus in SAISD.

SCHOOLS OPENED/CLOSED FOR TRANSFER REQUESTS

Each year, a study on campus capacity will be conducted to determine if transfer requests can be accepted. A campus is considered closed when a campus reaches 95% capacity. That campus will not accept transfer requests for the coming school year.

NOTE: A closed school may still accept transfers *of an employee's child* if it does not cause the grade level or program to exceed capacity.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for a student who is granted a transfer to attend a campus outside of the student's attendance zone shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Exception: *Campus Shuttle for Elementary Gifted and Talented Magnet School Available*

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSFERS

A student's residency for extracurricular eligibility is determined based upon the campus the student enters or has entered during his/her 9th grade year. The campus will be considered the student's home campus. If a student wishes to transfer from one high school to another in SAISD and continues to reside in the same attendance zone, the student will not be eligible to participate in athletics for the remainder of the time that he/she is in high school.

MORE INFORMATION

For additional questions, contact the Director of Student Services at 325-947-3838, ext. 171.

NONDISCRIMINATION - *The District shall not make and distinction on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin in the determination or recommendation of action under Board Policy FDB. However, the Board or Board designee reserves the right to restrict transfer requests if such requests begin to significantly affect the ethnic balance of a school.*