

Hallsville Independent School District

For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting: July 27, 2026

Agenda Item#: _____

Topic: FDA(Local) - Admissions - Interdistrict Transfers

Background and Rationale:

HISD and TVAH are requesting that FDA(Local), regarding Admissions - Interdistrict Transfers, be amended to reflect necessary updates needed in our policy.

See FDA(Local) attachment (TASB version).

Relationship to Strategic Plan:

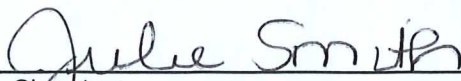
Personnel Affected:

Budget Implications:

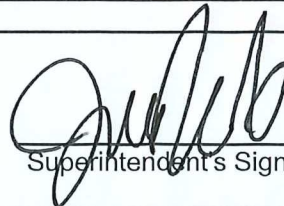
- ☐ Include in this year's budget
- ☐ Amendment of this year's budget required
- ☐ Increase in this year's budget required
- ☐ Expenditures required for next year's budget

X N/A

Recommendation: HISD and TVAH are recommending that the board approve the amendments to FDA(Local) as presented.



Signature
(Person Bringing Information to the Board)



Superintendent's Signature

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Note: This local policy has been revised in accordance with the District's innovation plan. [See AF(LOCAL)]

Authority

The Superintendent is authorized to accept or reject any transfer requests, provided that such action is without regard to race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestral language.

Comment: This provision authorizes the superintendent to accept and reject applications for transfers in accordance with this policy.

A resident student who becomes a nonresident during the course of a grading period shall be permitted to continue in attendance for the remainder of the grading period. If the student wishes to continue in attendance for the remainder of the school year, he or she shall file an application with the Superintendent. The application shall be considered in accordance with this policy.

Children of Nonresident District Employees

A nonresident District employee may request that his or her child be admitted into District schools by completing the appropriate paper work in accordance with administrative regulations.

Transfer Requests

A nonresident student wishing to transfer into the District shall file an application for transfer each school year with the Superintendent or designee. Transfers shall be granted for one regular school year at a time.

[For Texas Virtual Academy — Hallsville (TVAH) see Texas Virtual Academy — Hallsville (TVAH), below.]

Factors

In approving transfers, the Superintendent shall consider availability of space and instructional or professional staff, availability of programs and services, the student's disciplinary history, work habits, attendance records, prior enrollment in virtual schooling, history of prior public school enrollment, the District's ability to meet the student's needs with existing capacity, the parent's compliance with District and campus requirements, including the policies and procedures of a prior school, and other factors as approved by the Board. Nothing in this policy shall require the Superintendent to re-allocate existing resources or personnel to serve a nonresident student.

Documentation

All interdistrict transfer applicants, including those seeking admission to the TVAH, must submit a fully completed transfer applications, including any and all documents requested in the application, as well as any additional documentation required by the District. An incomplete application shall be rejected.

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A final enrollment decision is contingent upon the receipt of all requested documentation during the onboarding process. A failure to submit all required documents, or omission of relevant documents, shall be considered a violation of the transfer agreement. If at a later date, the District discovers that requested documents were withheld, the District reserves the right to revoke that student's transfer.

Assignments

If admitted, the Superintendent shall assign a transfer student to the appropriate District school using the criteria for intradistrict transfers [see FDB(LOCAL)]. Assignments shall be based on District need rather than student preference.

Transfer
Agreements

A transfer student shall be notified in the written transfer agreement that he or she must follow all rules and regulations of the District.

In accordance with the District's innovation plan, the District is exempt from the requirement for transfers to be for a one-year period. Therefore, violation of the terms of the agreement may result in, or in the student being ineligible for admission to TVAH in subsequent school years.

For an interdistrict transfer student whose transfer status is revoked, the District shall withdraw the student and refer the student to his or her home district.

**Texas Virtual
Academy —
Hallsville (TVAH)**

A nonresident student who is admitted to the Texas Virtual Academy — Hallsville (TVAH) is considered a transfer student.

A transfer student seeking admission to TVAH is subject to the same policy and administrative regulations as other interdistrict transfer students, including the submission of all required and requested documentation prior to the approval of the transfer application.

Preliminary
Approval

A student who receives preliminary approval through the third-party enrollment process operated by *Stride K12* is still subject to the requirements for transfer approval outlined in this policy, including the submission of additional documentation requested by TVAH. If it is discovered that a student who otherwise would not be approved for transfer status based on a review of the factors outlined in this policy was admitted, the student will be administratively withdrawn and referred to their home district.

Factors

TVAH is exclusively a virtual program and does not provide in-person instruction. Students who need in-person support shall not be admitted to TVAH. In approving transfers, the TVAH staff shall consider whether a virtual program is appropriate for the student, the availability of instructional staff, capacity within the virtual academy,

as well as the student's discipline history, academic records, attendance records, and individual needs. Admission may be denied or revoked if the District determines that the virtual program is not appropriate for a student.

Admission to TVAH is available only to a student who is domiciled within the geographical boundaries of the state of Texas. A student who does not maintain residency in Texas shall not be permitted to attend TVAH. Current proof of residency must be provided to TVAH upon enrollment and must also be provided upon request. A student with disabilities who require special education related services in order to receive a free appropriate public education must be located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Texas in order to receive those services from appropriately credentialed and licensed professionals.

A TVAH student who does not appear in-person for statewide assessments, as arranged by TVAH, shall be withdrawn or be denied admission in subsequent school years.

A TVAH student who fails to maintain the attendance and virtual participation requirements outlined in the TVAH handbook shall be administratively withdrawn and referred to their home district. A student who is withdrawn due to a failure to maintain required attendance and participation requirements shall be ineligible for admission to TVAH in subsequent school years.

Students with
Disabilities

TVAH is part of the District, which has a continuum of placements for students with disabilities. TVAH is just one program of the District and does not have all the supports and programs available to the District as a whole.

A student with disabilities shall not be excluded from, or be denied the benefits of, virtual instruction on the basis of disability as long as a committee of knowledgeable persons determines that a web-based and online program is appropriate to provide them a free, appropriate public education with or without the provision of appropriate and individualized accommodations, modifications, aids, and/or services. The committee of knowledgeable persons may consider the actual attributes of a student's disability or other special programming needs in determining whether a student's individual needs can be met with in a virtual program. The committee may consider the following factors in determining whether or not FAPE can be provided in the virtual program:

- Non-medical attendance problems or school avoidance
- Ability to remain on task with minimum prompts

- Social skills deficits requiring live interaction with other students
- Need for significant one-to-one instruction
- Need for life-skills or functional academic instruction
- Ability to work independently
- Self-motivation skills
- Previous performance in virtual programs
- Ability and willingness of parents to perform expected role as learning coach
- Need for alternate schedule
- Compliance problems
- Emotional problems
- Academic ability
- Ability to work with technology (with training and support)
- Other relevant factors

Admission may be denied or revoked if the committee determines that the student cannot receive FAPE in a virtual program. The committee's decision is final and not appealable under this policy or other District policy. If a student cannot receive FAPE in TVAH's virtual setting, the student will be placed at another District campus if the student is a District resident or withdrawn and referred to his or her district of residence if the student is not a District.

Comment: The "final and not appealable" language may need to be reviewed a bit more closely. Please contact me to discuss.

Tuition

If the District charges tuition, the amount shall be set by the Board, within statutory limits. Upon enrollment of the transfer student, all tuition shall be paid and are non-refundable.

Comment: Based on FP(LEGAL), the district is not authorized to charge an application fee. I recommend removing this language.

Installment Plan

The Superintendent shall develop criteria regarding eligibility for a tuition installment plan. The Superintendent shall use the developed criteria when approving the establishment of a tuition installment program for a transfer student.

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Board Tuition Waivers	The Board may waive tuition for a student based on financial hardship upon written application, submitted to the Superintendent, by the student, parent, or guardian. [See FP]
Nonpayment	The District may initiate withdrawal of students whose tuition payments are delinquent.
Transportation	The District shall not provide transportation services for transfer students.
Appeals	Any appeals shall be made in accordance with FNG(LOCAL) and GF(LOCAL), as appropriate.