

Hallsville Independent School District

For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting: June 22, 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.

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: After a 30 day read, 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

**Interdistrict
Transfers**

A nonresident student shall not be permitted to attend District schools except as provided below and only to the extent that excess capacity exists.

Exceptions

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. The student shall be eligible to continue in attendance for the remainder of the school year by filing an application with the Superintendent. If the student wishes to continue in attendance for subsequent school years, he or she shall file an application with the Superintendent. The application shall be considered in accordance with this policy. If approved, the transfer shall be granted for one regular school year at a time.

A student whose parent has a contract to build a house in the District shall be permitted to transfer into the District on a provisional basis for no more than 90 calendar days from the date of the approved transfer application. If legal residence is not established within this 90-day period and verified with a tax statement or lease agreement, the student's provisional transfer shall be revoked. The student may continue in attendance by filing an application with the Superintendent. The application shall be considered in accordance with this policy.

A transfer student currently attending a District school shall be eligible to continue in attendance in the District by filing an application with the Superintendent. If approved, transfers shall be granted for one regular school year at a time.

A sibling of a current transfer student may request to be admitted into District schools by filing an application with the Superintendent. If approved, transfers shall be granted for one regular school year at a time.

A nonresident District employee may request that his or her child be admitted into District schools by filing an application with the Superintendent. If approved, transfers shall be granted for one regular school year at a time, on a tuition-free basis.

Other nonresident students may apply for admission as an interdistrict transfer, subject to the factors outlined below, and only to the extent that excess capacity exists.

A nonresident student who is admitted to the Texas Virtual Academy — Hallsville (TVAH) shall be considered transfer students. (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 requires the Superintendent to reallocate existing resources or personnel to serve a nonresident student, and current staffing levels are a relevant factor in approving transfers.

All interdistrict transfer applicants, including those seeking admission to the Texas Virtual Academy at Hallsville (TVAH), must submit full and complete transfer applications, including any and all documents requested in the application, as well as any additional documentation required by TVAH. Incomplete applications will not be approved, and final enrollment decisions are contingent upon the receipt of all requested documentation during the onboarding process.

A failure to submit all required documents, or omission of relevant documents, will 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.

If admitted, a transfer student shall be assigned to a campus based on the criteria used for intradistrict transfers. [See FDB(LOCAL)]

Assignments

The Superintendent shall assign a transfer student to the appropriate District school. 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. Violation of the terms of the agreement may result in immediate revocation of the student's enrollment as an interdistrict transfer student, may result in the denial of future transfer requests, and may result in ineligibility for admission to TVAH for subsequent school years.

For interdistrict transfer students whose transfer status is revoked or otherwise not approved, the District will unenroll that student and refer that 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.

Transfer students seeking admission to TVAH are subject to the same requirements as other interdistrict transfer students, including the submission of all required and requested documentation prior to the approval of the transfer application.

Transfer Agreement requirements apply to all transfer students, including those enrolled in TVAH.

Please note: Students who receive preliminary approval through the third-party enrollment process operated by Stride K12 are still subject to the requirements for transfer approval outlined for interdistrict transfer students, 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 will 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 may not attend TVAH. Current proof of residency must be provided to TVAH upon enrollment and must also be provided upon request. Students 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, may be denied admission for the following school year(s).

~~A TVAH student who does not maintain 75 percent attendance may be withdrawn and ineligible for admission for subsequent school years.~~ A TVAH student who fails to maintain the attendance and virtual participation requirements outlined in the TVAH handbook

will be administratively withdrawn and referred to their home district. Students who are withdrawn due to a failure to maintain required attendance and participation requirements will be ineligible for admission to TVAH for subsequent school years.

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.

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 and application fees shall be paid and are non-refundable.

Parents who withdraw their students and enroll them during the same school year shall be responsible for a new application fee and a fee of \$250. These fees must be paid in full prior to enrollment.

Payment Options

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

Waivers

The Board may waive tuition for a student based on financial hardship upon written application 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.