

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Interdistrict Open Enrollment

In compliance with O.R.C. 3313.98, the Lucas Local Board of Education approved interdistrict, statewide, open enrollment with respect to grade level capacities, building capacities, and program capacities for the upcoming school year.

The aforementioned policy and capacities will be established and reviewed annually by the Board of Education based on the recommendation of the Superintendent. All nonresident students must apply annually for interdistrict open enrollment within the Administrative guidelines. Previously enrolled students will be given preference over first time applicants.

Athletic Eligibility

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has ruled on Open Enrollment student-athlete eligibility in Bylaw 4-7-3. The Lucas Local School District is a member of the OHSAA, and abides by all rules set forth by that organization.

Bus Transportation

The Lucas Local School District will not be required to alter established school bus routes which are contiguous to the boundaries of the Lucas Local School District. The family may provide transportation to the established bus stop within the receiving district provided capacities of buses are not met.

Graduation Credits

The Lucas Board of Education will accept all credits toward graduation from enrolled students who are residents of Ohio school districts.

Provision of Information

In compliance of O.R.C. 3313.98, the Lucas Local Board of Education will provide information regarding open enrollment to the Superintendent and Board of Education of appropriate school districts and, upon request, to parents of students who reside in those Ohio school districts.

Special Education Services

Pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.98, the Lucas Local Board of Education will deny the enrollment of special education student who is a resident of another Ohio school district and who requires services which are not available in the Lucas Local School District. Students requiring special education services which are offered in the Lucas Local School District will be obligated to attend the school building where the services specified in the student's IEP are available. If a student is subsequently placed in a Lucas unit, the student's placement for the following year will be subject to the requirements of the guidelines during the reapplication process in the spring.

Non-discrimination

The Lucas Board of Education will enroll students without differentiation on the basis of academic, athletic, artistic, or extra-curricular activity, nor proficiency in English. No person shall, on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, citizenship status, marital status, sex, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any education program.

Administrative Guidelines

- 1) Applications for an inter-district transfer should be submitted to the Superintendent's office of the Lucas Local School District by April 30th. Applications will be acted upon at the May Board of Education meeting. In the event that the number of students applying exceeds the enrollment limitation of Administrative guidelines (number 2 below), applicants will be admitted based upon the date of receipt of their application within the time frame listed above. Exceptions to this deadline may be made only with the permission of the Superintendent. Previously enrolled students will be given preference over first time applicants. Parents/guardians must indicate acceptance of transfer on or before May 31st. One application must be submitted for each student who requests interdistrict transfer.
- 2) No additional students will be permitted by means of interdistrict transfer if the Lucas Local Schools enrollment of grade levels or special program being requested exceeds the following as of the May 1st projected numbers:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
K-7	48 per grade level (if 3 sections in a grade level, the cap will be 20 per section)
8-12	1:25 per class

<u>Program</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
SLD	
K-7	10
8-12	18
Business Education	16

- 3) A student's application cannot be denied because of disciplinary action in his/her home school, except for a suspension or expulsion for ten (10) days or more consecutive days that occurs in the current or preceding term. Accepted students may have their open enrollment approval rescinded upon the recommendation of the administration due to continuing disciplinary problems.
- 4) Applicants may be rejected if the racial balance of either the sending or the receiving school district would be negatively impacted.
- 5) No student, once accepted by the Lucas Local Schools, will be displaced during the year should enrollment exceed the limits stated above.

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ADMISSION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS