



APPEAL TO THE EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

If denied by the local Board, the parent/guardian may request a hearing with the El Dorado County Board of Education. The appeal must be filed with the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE) (530-622-7130) within 30 days of the date notification is received from the district that denied the request. EDCOE Board action regarding the appeal is final.

Students who are under consideration for expulsion or who have been expelled pursuant to Sections 48915 and 48919, may not appeal interdistrict attendance denials or rescissions while expulsion proceedings are pending, or during the term of the expulsion.

For more information,
please contact the
Rescue Union School District
Superintendent's Office
at 530-672-4810

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. If I return my transfer request early, will it give me a better chance of getting it approved?

No, transfers are based on criteria in Administrative Regulations 5117.

Q. I will be requesting a transfer for more than one child. If one is approved, will all of the requests for my children be approved?

No, each request is considered separately based on the criteria.

Q. If my request for a transfer is approved, is transportation available?

No. Transportation is not provided for interdistrict transfers. However, the student may use RUSD established bus routes using the current fee schedule.

Q. My child presently is on an interdistrict transfer. Do we need to reapply each year?

Generally, yes. Applicants approved based on employment need not reapply annually for residency, but must provide annual verification of employment within District boundaries. All others must reapply each year.

Q. Where do I get the transfer request form?

The Application for Interdistrict Attendance or Residency Agreement is available on our District website, <http://www.rescue.k12.ca.us> or at any school district office in El Dorado County.



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Guide to **Interdistrict Transfer Request**

School Districts are responsible for providing educational services to students residing within their district boundaries. The districts build schools, hire staff, purchase supplies, and engage in comprehensive planning to meet educational mandates.

Parents/guardians that live within district attendance boundaries are expected to enroll their students in schools in the district in which they reside. However, each district has established a process to evaluate requests for students who reside in one district and wish to attend school in another district. This process is called an interdistrict transfer request. The request must be approved by the district in which the student lives and the desired district of attendance to allow the student to enroll.

This guide contains information for Rescue Union School District parents/guardians, students, and the community to help clarify this process. Nothing in this guide changes the laws, Board Policy or Administrative Regulations governing interdistrict transfer, but is intended to assist in clarifying the process.

INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER PROCESS

INITIAL REQUEST

The first step in the process is to submit an *Application for Interdistrict Attendance or Residency Agreement* to the district where your child lives. This form is available on our District website, <http://www.rescue.k12.ca.us> or from any school district office in El Dorado County.

Reasons that Rescue Union School District may approve an interdistrict request include:

▶ Residence Based on Employment Within District Boundaries

When a student's parent/guardian works within the requested district's attendance boundaries. Proof of such employment shall be required prior to enrollment and the parent/guardian must provide annual verification of continued employment within district boundaries. Ed Code 48204(b) Priority shall be given to interdistrict requests from RUSD employees.

▶ Reasons per RUSD AR 5117

1. To meet a child's special mental or physical health needs, as certified by a physician, school psychologist or other appropriate school personnel.

2. To complete a school year when parent/guardian has moved out of the district during that year.
3. To allow students to remain with a class graduating that year from an elementary, or middle school.
4. When the parent/guardian provides written evidence that the family will be moving to the receiving district in the immediate future and would like the student to start the year in that district.
5. When the parent/guardian provides written evidence that the student will be out of the district only for one year or less.
6. When recommended by the School Attendance Review Board or by county child welfare, probation or social service agency staff in documented cases of serious home or community problems that make it inadvisable for the student to attend the school of residence.
7. To provide a major change in school environment for reasons of personal and social adjustment, for the remainder of the school year.

Please include any information or reasons you feel are important on the interdistrict request form, even if they do not fit in the above criteria. You may attach additional information to the form if there is not adequate space.

DISTRICT RESPONSE

The district of residence will review the request and take action within thirty (30) days or you have the right to appeal directly to the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE). In RUSD, the Superintendent will review the application and will notify applicant of an approval or denial based on the reasons stated on the form. *If the application for an incoming student to RUSD is received in the spring for the following school year, the applicant will be notified of approval or denial by May 1.*

Approval of Interdistrict Request

If approved, the form is submitted to the receiving district. If approved by the receiving district, the student may be enrolled in the new district. If denied by the receiving district, the parent/guardian has the right to appeal the denial, per the receiving district's board policy.

Denial of Interdistrict Request

If denied, the parent/guardian may request an appeal of the decision at a hearing before the RUSD School Board. To request an appeal, contact the Superintendent's office at 530-672-4810. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date notification of denial is received. The appeal will be heard at the next available regular board meeting in closed session. The Board will vote in open session whether to accept or reject the appeal. If the appeal is rejected, the child's assigned district will be RUSD.

