

In accordance with an agreement between the Governing Board and the board of another district, a permit authorizing a student of either district to enroll in the other district may be issued upon approval of both districts.

The General Shafter School District will begin accepting and processing inter-district transfer requests for the following school year on March 1 of the current school year and is due no later than April 15 of the current school year. Failure of a parent/guardian to meet any timelines established by the district shall be deemed an abandonment of the request.

For an inter-district transfer request received by the district 15 or fewer calendar days before the commencement of instruction in the school year for which the transfer is sought, the district will notify the parent/guardian of its final decision within 30 calendar days from the date the request was received.

For an inter-district transfer request received by the district more than 15 days before the commencement of instruction in the school year for which the inter-district transfer is sought, the district will notify the parent/guardian of its final decision as soon as possible, but no later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction in the school year for which the transfer is sought.

Criteria for Denying Inter-district Transfers.

The Superintendent or designee shall deny an application for inter-district transfer if:

1. An earlier inter-district transfer was revoked. If, during a prior school year, grounds for revoking the inter-district attendance agreement/permit arose, even though the pupil's agreement/permit was not actually revoked or processed for revocation.
2. The additional cost of educating the student would exceed the amount of additional state aide received as a result of the transfer. (Education Code 48204 (c))
3. Enrollment of the student would adversely affect the district's court-ordered or voluntary desegregation plan, if any. (Education Code 48204)
4. The school facilities or programs are overcrowded at the relevant grade level.
5. Parent/guardian has no apparent means of arranging for or providing for transportation to and from school.
6. The individual student needs a particular service or program to receive an appropriate public education and the District do not offer that necessary service or program.
7. If a program necessary for the student to receive an appropriate public education is full.
8. If the staff who provide that necessary service already has a full case load.
9. If enrolling the student would require the District to create a new program and/or hire additional staff.
10. If the student has been expelled from the sending district or is being processed for expulsion.
11. If the student's parent or guardian is a "registered sex offender" as defined by Penal Code section 290 or a "specified drug offender" as defined by Penal Code section 626.85.
12. Misleading or incorrect information is knowingly submitted to the District in support of an Inter-district transfer request.
13. Misleading or altered documentation is knowingly submitted to the District in support of an Inter-district transfer request.
14. No criteria met.

Appeal of the Decision to Deny an Application for Inter-district Transfer.

If an inter-district transfer is revoked, the parents or guardian will be given the opportunity to meet with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the reasons for the revocation and request reconsideration. Such a meeting must be requested within three (3) school days of the revocation decision. If a parent or guardian remains unsatisfied with the decision, they may appeal to the General Shafter Board of Trustees by submitting a written request for reconsideration to the Board of Trustees which explain the basis for the request. The appeal request must be received by the Superintendent or designee within five (5) school days of the decision to deny reconsideration of the revocation. The Superintendent shall agendaize the appeal for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The decision of the Superintendent or designee to deny an Inter-district Transfer may be appealed to the County Board of Education within 30 calendar days of the decision to deny. The District shall provide such parents and guardians with written notice of their appeal rights. The written notice shall conform to the requirements of Education Code 46601.

Criteria for Revoking Inter-district Transfers.

Inter-district attendance is a privilege and not a right. The District has the right to revoke the inter-district attendance permit if a reasonable determination is made that a student's continuing presence would interfere with the needs of the District. An inter-district attendance permit may be revoked for failure to comply with academic behavior and attendance requirements of the District and any other terms and conditions set forth in the agreement or permit.

Inter-district transfers may be revoked at any time for one or more of the following reasons:

1. The commission of misconduct prohibited by the Education Code. This includes suspension from school for violations of Education Code Sections 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4 or 48900.7, or being classified as truant under Education Code Sections(s) 48260, et. seq.
2. The commission of misconduct prohibited by the Penal Code.
3. Five or more unexcused absences.
4. Ten or more unexcused tardies.
5. The student's failure to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.
6. Parent/guardian is unwilling or unable to provide or arrange for transportation to and from school. at no cost to the District.
7. The commission of a violation of the Penal Code on or within 1000 feet of school grounds by a student's parent or guardian.
8. The commission of a violation of the Vehicle Code on or within 1000 feet of school grounds by a student's parent or guardian.
9. Parent/guardian makes a threat to inflict physical harm directed at a student or staff at any time. or anywhere.
10. Parent/guardian use of offensive words or engaging in a course of conduct directed at student. or staff which are likely to cause substantial emotional distress or provoke a violent response.
11. If a parent or guardian who has at any time been directed to leave school grounds or other. District property pursuant to either Penal Code sections 626.4, 626.6, 626.7, 626.8 or 626.85.
12. The commission of conduct tantamount to that described in Penal Code section 415 (disturbing the peace) by a parent or legal guardian against another adult including, but not limited to, another parent or legal guardian with a child enrolled in the District, and that conduct is. perpetrated on or within 1000 feet of school grounds. Such conduct includes fighting or challenging another to a fight maliciously and willfully disturbing another by loud and unreasonable noise: and the use of offensive words which are inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction.

13. Knowingly providing misleading or incorrect information to the District in support of an inter-district transfer request.

14. Knowingly providing misleading or altered documentation to the District in support of an Inter-district transfer request.

Students who are under consideration for expulsion or who have been expelled may not appeal. Inter-district attendance denials or rescissions while expulsion proceedings are pending, or during the term of the expulsion. (Education Code 46601)

Appeal of Revocation Decision

If an inter-district transfer is revoked, the parents or guardian will be given the opportunity to meet with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the reasons for the revocation and request reconsideration. Such a meeting must be requested within three (3) school days of the revocation decision.

If the parent or guardian remains unsatisfied with the decision, they may appeal to the General Shafter School District Board of Trustees by submitting a written request for reconsideration to the Board of Trustees which explains the basis for the request. The appeal request must be received by the Superintendent or designee within five (5) school days of the decision to deny reconsideration of the revocation. The Superintendent shall agendize the appeal for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The decision of the Board of Trustees is final.

