

## **BOARD POLICY**

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

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Students

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### **INTRADISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE**

The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board of Education supports the concept of neighborhood schools and, to that end, has established attendance boundaries which are designed to promote the concept and optimize the efficient use of district facilities and resources. The board recognizes, however, the importance of parental preference and choice in selecting their children's school of attendance. As such, it shall be the policy of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District to permit parents of students who reside within the boundaries of the district, pursuant to Education Code 48204, to select admission of their student to any appropriate school operated by the district, subject to the following conditions:

1. Admission to a school of choice pursuant to this policy will be dependent upon availability of space. Admission shall not cause the selected school to exceed its established enrollment capacity. In establishing enrollment capacities for purposes of this policy, elements of consideration shall include, but not be limited to, the following: a) staff deployment; b) applicable State law; c) contracts in force; d) physical space available; and e) contingencies for hardship and administrative placements. The term "enrollment capacity," as applied to this policy, shall not be construed to mean the maximum number of students that can legally be housed on a specific school site.
2. Each school must remain in compliance with state or federal laws or board policies that affect the maintenance of ethnic diversity.
3. Students residing within a specified attendance area of a school have first priority to attend that school. Enrollment of students pursuant to this policy shall not cause the displacement of any student currently residing in the attendance area of that school.
4. In implementing this policy, the district shall not be required to do any of the following:
  - a. Make alterations to the structure or grounds of any school or make alterations to the arrangement or function of rooms within any school.
  - b. Establish and/or offer any particular program in a school if such a program is not currently offered at that school.
  - c. Exempt any student from meeting the established entrance requirements of specialized schools or programs.
  - d. Provide transportation assistance.

5. All students who elect to choose a school pursuant to this policy shall be included in a random, unbiased selection process that prohibits any evaluation that would allow enrollment based on academic or athletic performance. Admission decisions determined by the selection process shall be final, without appeal.

Each year, students and parents shall receive timely notification of school choice procedures.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Education Code Section 35160(c)

Section 48200

Section 48204

Section 48980

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