

MCB Camp Pendleton School Liaison Office

Parent's Guide to California Schools Residency, Transfers Requirements and Test Scores Access

This informational document is intended to support parents/guardians navigate research and answer frequently asked questions related to residency requirements, school districts policies for transfers and access to state test scores in California TK-12 schools.

- **In California, the home address determines student's boundary school.**
- **On Base Schools boundaries are determined by Base Housing Areas.** There are five schools aboard the Base belonging to two separate school districts, Fallbrook Union Elementary School District (FUESD) and Oceanside Unified School District (OUSD). Military connected students can attend schools on base while living off base if there is availability and capacity for the grade and school requested. When considering a school off base, please use the residence school district locator link to identify your boundary school.
- **Laws Regarding School District Transfers** - Policies regarding intradistrict/open enrollment and interdistrict/reciprocal agreement transfers are the responsibility of each local district governing board. California law requires school districts to provide an education to any student who resides within the district's attendance area. Although students have the right under California law to a free, public education, the law does not guarantee that a student can attend the school of his or her choice, or even the neighborhood school.
- **Intradistrict Transfer** - An Intradistrict transfer/open enrollment is when parents/guardians wish to register/admit/enroll their student(s) at a school other than the designated school that is in their attendance area **within** their district.
- **Interdistrict Transfer/Reciprocal Agreement**- An interdistrict transfer/reciprocal agreement is when parents/guardians wish to register/admit/enroll their student(s) at a school other than the designated school that is in their attendance area **outside** of their district. Interdistrict transfer/reciprocal agreement must be approved by both the students original district of residence and the district to which the student seeks to transfer to. Both districts must approve the agreement before it becomes valid. It is within the authority of either the home district or the receiving district to revoke an interdistrict transfer/reciprocal agreement at any time for any reason the local board or district superintendent deems appropriate. Each district has their own policy on how long they take to process these requests. Incoming families must have an address to apply to school transfers. Transfers are based on space availability in the grade level requested.
- **Interdistrict Transfer Because of Parent Employment** - California ED Code section 48204(b), permits a school district to deem a pupil to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the district if at least one parent/guardian of the pupil is physically employed within the boundaries of that district.
- **School of Choice** – Some Local Education Agencies (LEA's) may provide all students enrolled in the school district with the option to transfer to another public school served by the LEA. The school district allows the family to apply for attendance to a school within their school district

that is not their boundary school. Each district has a specific timeline for accepting these transfer requests. Generally open from January to March of school year. Incoming families who wish to apply must have an address. Some districts will allow the school of choice (intradistrict) transfer after the window closes; however, families may have to wait for a decision to be made approximately two weeks after school begins. Transfers are based on space availability in the grade level. Once a school is at full capacity, they no longer accept transfer students.

- **Magnet Schools Transfer Process** - Magnet programs and schools are designed by local authorities to attract parents, guardians, and students who are free to choose, subject to local rules, the school in which they enroll. Students from across districts may select the magnet school subject to availability. Incoming military families can apply to magnet schools/special programs without an address in the area but are subject to enrollment deadlines and lottery system process as all others. Intra/Interdistrict local process required for attendance but transfer to Magnet School can't be denied once a student has been offered space in the program.
- **Charter Schools Transfer Process** – Charter schools are free and open to all students. However, charter schools each have their own application process and guidelines for enrollment and limit transfers when at capacity. They do not have a special eligibility or entrance requirement.
- **CA Private School Choice Program** – Currently California does not offer a private school choice program.

- **CA Assessment of Student Performance and Progress System (CAASPP)** - [CAASPP Test Results - CAASPP Reporting \(CA Dept of Education\) \(ets.org\)](#)
- To view a specific school test scores for the previous year, use the link below and type in the school name or district name. There are four achievement levels: Standard Exceeded, Standard Met, Standard Nearly Met and Standard Not Met. Percentage of students within each level are displayed in the chart. Tests results for the previous school year are released around August/September of the following year.
- [2022–23 Smarter Balanced ELA and Mathematics Test Results at a Glance - CAASPP Reporting \(CA Dept of Education\) \(ets.org\)](#)

For additional information and school transfer options please reach out to MCB Camp Pendleton School Office: 760-763-7385/86