

Enrollment of Transfer Students Residing Outside of District due to active-duty military status or employment as civilian military personnel

The Madison County School District recognizes that House Bill 1341, signed by the Governor to go into effect on July 1, 2024, allows for parents or legal guardians who are active-duty military or civilian military personnel to apply for enrollment of their children in a state of Mississippi public school of their choice. This policy aims to facilitate the application process for enrollment of transfer students who reside outside of our district due to their parents' active-duty military status.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. *Active-duty military status:* The student's parent or legal guardian must be stationed or assigned to the state of Mississippi while serving on active duty in the military or be employed as civilian military personnel residing on a military base in Mississippi. **Along with the application, families must provide documented proof of the parent or legal guardian's active duty military status, such as military identification or official orders.**

3. *Eligibility of student enrollment in other public-school districts:* The student(s) must be eligible to enroll in their current school district and all other public-school districts in both the state of Mississippi and the United States of America at the time of application.

Application Process:

1. *Submission of Application:* Parents or legal guardians seeking enrollment for their child under this policy must submit a completed enrollment application to the Madison County Schools Central Office.
2. *Frequency of application:* The student must not have been granted previous enrollment in any school district in which they do not reside within the current school year of application with Madison County Schools.
3. *Application deadline:* Applications must be received by June 1st of each year in order to be considered for the upcoming school year.
4. *Application Review:* The Central Office will review each application to ensure compliance with the eligibility criteria outlined in this policy.

Placement and School Assignment:

1. *Placement Decision:* Madison County Schools will determine school placement of approved applicants based on the following:
 - A. Grade level/Age appropriateness
 - B. Capacity of school as determined by Madison County Schools.
2. *Placement priority by capacity:* Madison County Schools will assign students based on the grade level/age-appropriate school within the district that has the most available capacity as determined by Madison County Schools.

If attendance at a specific school is requested, Madison County Schools will evaluate the request using the criteria set out above.

Students transferring/enrolling from an Alternative School setting in another school district will enroll in Madison County Schools under the existing district policy related to transfers from other Alternative School settings.

