



Children's Education Alliance  
of Missouri

**Outstanding Schools Act: Frequently Asked Questions**

**ENROLLMENT**

*Q. Will school districts continue to tell families they are not accepting transfers?*

A. We hope not, but the only way to know for certain is to call and/or go to the desired district's headquarters and attempt to enroll.

*Q. Will a child be denied a transfer request if they have poor grades, behavior problems, or truancy issues?*

A. Districts are not allowed to deny enrollment for academic or behavior issues. However, if your child was expelled from their district or if the district took some other behavior action against your child, the new district may enforce that punishment if they choose.

*Q. Can my child transfer to a non-public school?*

A. Currently tuition and transportation at a private school will not be covered. This is something CEAM is interested in pursuing, but it will require a statute change and/or an adjustment to the Missouri Constitution.

*Q. Will my child be able to participate in athletic or other extracurricular activities?*

A. Yes, your child should be able to participate in these programs. You will need to inquire with individual districts to determine whether transportation to and from these events will be provided.

*Q. Is there an enrollment deadline if I'm wishing to transfer my children?*

A. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is suggesting people be enrolled before August 1 for the 2013-2014 school year.

*Q. Will I have to re-enroll my child each year?*

A. Children should be allowed to stay in the new district as long as their home district remains unaccredited. If your home district becomes re-accredited your child will likely have to return to that district the school year following the reaccreditation.

*Q. What should I do if the district to which I wish to transfer my child tells me they are not accepting non-resident students?*

A. We sincerely hope this does not happen. However, if it does, please contact us at the CEAM office, 314-454-6544.

*Q. When will the accredited district inform me that my child has been accepted?*

A. We are unsure. The best person to ask this question of is the enrollment office of the district in which you wish to enroll your child.

*Q. My child is on a wait list. How do they determine who will be picked first?*

A. We do not know what districts will do with the wait list, we suggest that you call back and try again as soon as possible. Do not count on the fact that you have been told that you will be placed on a wait list to hold your spot.

*Q. Will I be able to mail enrollment documents or do I need to go to the district?*

A. You will likely need to go to the district office. Feel free to call the district and ask before you make the trip to make certain.

*Q. Should parents apply for enrollment in more than one school?*

A. If there is more than district in which you would like to enroll your child, we suggest you attempt to enroll your children until you are assured they have been accepted into at least one of your choices.

*Q. My child does not attend school within my district. If I transfer my child to an accredited public school, how do I go about getting the funds from my district since my child does not go to school in my district?*

A. If you want your child in a public school, we suggest that you first find a school district you want your child to attend. Follow the steps to enroll them. You should contact the district to determine what the enrollment process is. Once you have secured a spot, deliver a letter to your home district telling them that you are a district resident and wish to exercise your right to transfer your child. Then, follow it up with a phone call to the district headquarters.