

Student Transfer Request Report

Louisiana Revised Statute 17:4035.1

October 2024

Overview

Overview of Reporting Requirement

Act 420 of the Regular Session of the 2021 Louisiana Legislature amended Louisiana Revised Statute 17:4035.1 to expand the options of parents to enroll students in public schools outside of school system attendance zones. The option to request a school transfer extends to students assigned to a school that received a school performance letter grade of “D” or “F” for the most recent school year, pursuant to the school and district accountability system. These students may request enrollment in a school that received a school performance letter grade of “A,” “B,” or “C” for the most recent school year, provided that the school has sufficient capacity at the appropriate grade level. School transfers that would be in violation of the order of a court of competent jurisdiction are not permitted.

In accordance with the statute, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) must report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than October thirty-first annually regarding student transfers. This report is to include the numbers of inter-district and intra-district transfers requested, accepted, appealed, and denied during the most recent school year, disaggregated by economically disadvantaged status and race and ethnicity.

Method And Limitations

Data collection was conducted through a survey disseminated to district data managers, who were asked to report the total number of inter-district and intra-district transfer requests received, accepted, and denied. Districts were also asked to disaggregate the data by economically disadvantaged status, race, and ethnicity.

Inter-district transfer requests refer to requests to attend an “A,” “B,” or “C” school within a different school district than that of the “D” or “F” school for which a student is zoned to attend.

Intra-district transfer requests include requests to attend an “A,” “B,” or “C” school within the same school district as the “D” or “F” school for which a student is zoned to attend.

As data was self-reported by districts, there may be slight variations in the totals. However, the data collected does provide a dependable overview of the degree to which enrollment flexibility has been implemented and utilized under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:4035.1.

Findings

All traditional public school districts submitted student transfer data for this report. As reported by public school districts, a total of 856 inter-district transfer requests were received statewide during the 2023-2024 school year. Of these requests, 771 were accepted and 83 were denied.

A total of 6,339 intra-district transfer requests received statewide during the 2023-2024 school year were also reported. Of these requests, 5,948 were accepted and 380 were denied.

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) did not receive any appeals of denied transfer requests.

Economically Disadvantaged Status

Inter-District

Of the requests for inter-district transfer received, 487 requests, or 56.89% of the total requests received, were for students with an economically disadvantaged status. Four hundred and fourteen (414) of those requests were accepted. Fifty-five (55) requests were denied. Overall, students with an economically disadvantaged status make up 53.69% of the total inter-district requests accepted.

Intra-District

4,018 requests for intra-district transfer were received from students with an economically disadvantaged status, representing 63.38% of the intra-district requests received, with 3,745 of those requests being accepted. 261 requests were denied. Overall, students with an economically disadvantaged status make up 62.96% of the total intra-district requests accepted.

Race and Ethnicity

Inter-District

Four (4) American Indian students requested an inter-district transfer, and all 4 were granted inter-district transfers.

Black students accounted for 345 requests of the requested inter-district transfers. 82.6% percent of those transfer requests made by Black students were accepted.

Twenty-six (26) Hispanic students requested inter-district transfer requests. Of the 26 requests, 23 were accepted.

Of the requested inter-district transfers, White students accounted for 452 requests, or 52.80%, of total requests received. 95.79% percent of those transfer requests made by White students were accepted.

The remainder of the requests were made by students who identified as mixed-race, Hawaiian Pacific Islander, or Asian, accounting for approximately .03% of inter-district requests. All of those requests were accepted.

Intra-District

Eleven (11) American Indian students requested an intra-district transfer and 6 were granted intra-district transfers.

Of the requested intra-district transfers, Black students accounted for 3,436 requests, or 54.20%, of total requests received. 95.16% percent of those transfer requests made by Black students were accepted.

Hispanic students accounted for 377 requests of the requested intra-district transfers. 85.94% percent of those transfer requests made by Hispanic students were accepted.

White students accounted for 2,307 requests of the requested intra-district transfers. 94.45% percent of those transfer requests made by White students were accepted.

One-hundred-eighty-seven (187) requests were made by students who identified as mixed-race, Hawaiian Pacific Islander, or Asian, accounting for approximately 0.029% of intra-district requests. 155 requests, or 82.88%, of those 187 requests were accepted.

Reported No Transfer Policy

Out of the traditional public school districts, two self-reported not having a transfer request policy on file. Those two LEAs were: 015 Concordia Parish and 033 Madison Parish. These LEAs still submitted the data by selecting “no transfer policy on file” and marking 0 for all data points.

Inter-District Transfer Requests Statewide by Subgroup

Below is the data for all reported inter-district transfer requests by subgroup. As data was self-reported by districts, there may be slight variations in the totals.

Subgroup Label	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
All Students	856	771	31	83
Economically Disadvantaged	487	414	9	55
American Indian	4	4	0	0
Asian	1	1	0	0
Black	345	285	11	45
Hispanic	26	23	1	4

Subgroup Label	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	1	0	0
White	452	433	17	32
Multiple Races	24	24	2	2

Inter-District Transfer Requests By Local Education Authority (LEA)

Below is the data for all reported inter-district transfer requests by LEA. As data was self-reported by districts, there may be slight variations in the totals.

LEA Code	LEA Name	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
LA	Louisiana Statewide	856	771	31	83
001	Acadia Parish	0	0	0	0
002	Allen Parish	0	0	0	0
003	Ascension Parish	0	0	0	0
004	Assumption Parish	0	0	0	0
005	Avoyelles Parish	0	0	0	0
006	Beauregard Parish	0	0	0	0
007	Bienville Parish	0	0	0	0
008	Bossier Parish	0	0	0	0
009	Caddo Parish	72	72	0	0
010	Calcasieu Parish	0	0	0	0
011	Caldwell Parish	8	8	0	0
012	Cameron Parish	1	1	0	0
013	Catahoula Parish	0	0	0	0
014	Claiborne Parish	0	0	0	0
015	Concordia Parish	0	0	0	0
016	DeSoto Parish	47	47	0	0
017	East Baton Rouge Parish	0	0	0	0
018	East Carroll Parish	0	0	0	0
019	East Feliciana Parish	0	0	0	0
020	Evangeline Parish	84	84	0	0
021	Franklin Parish	1	1	0	0

LEA Code	LEA Name	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
022	Grant Parish	0	0	0	0
023	Iberia Parish	0	0	0	0
024	Iberville Parish	0	0	0	0
025	Jackson Parish	4	4	0	0
026	Jefferson Parish	2	1	2	1
027	Jefferson Davis Parish	0	0	0	0
028	Lafayette Parish	28	6	0	0
029	Lafourche Parish	0	0	0	0
030	LaSalle Parish	0	0	0	0
031	Lincoln Parish	31	31	0	0
032	Livingston Parish	0	0	0	0
033	Madison Parish	0	0	0	0
034	Morehouse Parish	1	1	0	0
035	Natchitoches Parish	0	0	0	0
036	Orleans Parish	0	0	0	0
037	Ouachita Parish	3	0	3	3
038	Plaquemines Parish	0	0	0	0
039	Pointe Coupee Parish	0	0	0	0
040	Rapides Parish	0	0	0	0
041	Red River Parish	0	0	0	0
042	Richland Parish	15	15	18	18
043	Sabine Parish	0	0	0	0
044	St. Bernard Parish	5	5	0	0
045	St. Charles Parish	49	46	2	3
046	St. Helena Parish	233	184	0	49
047	St. James Parish	0	0	0	0
048	St. John the Baptist Parish	5	5	0	0
049	St. Landry Parish	183	183	0	0
050	St. Martin Parish	0	0	0	0
051	St. Mary Parish	61	54	4	7

LEA Code	LEA Name	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
052	St. Tammany Parish	0	0	0	0
053	Tangipahoa Parish	0	0	0	0
054	Tensas Parish	0	0	0	0
055	Terrebonne Parish	0	0	0	0
056	Union Parish	0	0	0	0
057	Vermilion Parish	0	0	0	0
058	Vernon Parish	0	0	0	0
059	Washington Parish	17	17	0	0
060	Webster Parish	2	2	2	2
061	West Baton Rouge Parish	0	0	0	0
062	West Carroll Parish	1	1	0	0
063	West Feliciana Parish	0	0	0	0
064	Winn Parish	0	0	0	0
065	City of Monroe School District	3	3	0	0
066	City of Bogalusa School District	0	0	0	0
067	Zachary Community School District	0	0	0	0
068	City of Baker School District	0	0	0	0
069	Central Community School District	0	0	0	0

Intra-District Transfer Requests Statewide by Subgroup

Below is the data for all reported intra-district transfer requests by subgroups. As data was self-reported by districts, there may be slight variations in the totals.

Subgroup Label	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
All Students	6,339	5,948	8	380
Economically Disadvantaged	4,018	3,745	1	261
American Indian	11	6	0	5
Asian	68	64	0	4
Black	3,436	3,270	0	160

Subgroup Label	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
Hispanic	377	324	1	53
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	9	9	0	0
White	2,307	2,179	5	122
Multiple Races	110	82	1	27

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LEA Code	LEA Name	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
LA	Louisiana Statewide	6339	5948	8	380
001	Acadia Parish	62	33	0	29
002	Allen Parish	0	0	0	0
003	Ascension Parish	12	12	0	0
004	Assumption Parish	43	43	0	0
005	Avoyelles Parish	0	0	0	0
006	Beauregard Parish	0	0	0	0
007	Bienville Parish	0	0	0	0
008	Bossier Parish	0	0	0	0
009	Caddo Parish	46	46	0	0
010	Calcasieu Parish	58	57	0	1
011	Caldwell Parish	0	0	0	0
012	Cameron Parish	0	0	0	0
013	Catahoula Parish	16	8	0	8
014	Claiborne Parish	91	91	0	0
015	Concordia Parish	0	0	0	0
016	DeSoto Parish	175	173	0	3
017	East Baton Rouge Parish	661	661	0	0
018	East Carroll Parish	0	0	0	0
019	East Feliciana Parish	57	57	0	0
020	Evangeline Parish	13	13	0	0

LEA Code	LEA Name	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
021	Franklin Parish	43	15	0	28
022	Grant Parish	0	0	0	0
023	Iberia Parish	0	0	0	0
024	Iberville Parish	0	0	0	0
025	Jackson Parish	54	54	0	0
026	Jefferson Parish	322	216	4	106
027	Jefferson Davis Parish	0	0	0	0
028	Lafayette Parish	0	0	0	0
029	Lafourche Parish	82	13	0	69
030	LaSalle Parish	0	0	0	0
031	Lincoln Parish	190	179	0	11
032	Livingston Parish	23	17	0	6
033	Madison Parish	0	0	0	0
034	Morehouse Parish	2	2	0	0
035	Natchitoches Parish	1	1	0	0
036	Orleans Parish	0	0	0	0
037	Ouachita Parish	6	6	0	0
038	Plaquemines Parish	0	0	0	0
039	Pointe Coupee Parish	37	37	0	0
040	Rapides Parish	109	94	0	15
041	Red River Parish	0	0	0	0
042	Richland Parish	10	10	0	0
043	Sabine Parish	0	0	0	0
044	St. Bernard Parish	0	0	0	0
045	St. Charles Parish	205	205	0	0
046	St. Helena Parish	0	0	0	0
047	St. James Parish	0	0	0	0
048	St. John the Baptist Parish	42	42	0	0
049	St. Landry Parish	849	800	0	35
050	St. Martin Parish	0	0	0	0

LEA Code	LEA Name	Received	Accepted	Appealed	Denied
051	St. Mary Parish	176	126	2	50
052	St. Tammany Parish	22	22	0	0
053	Tangipahoa Parish	2788	2788	0	0
054	Tensas Parish	0	0	0	0
055	Terrebonne Parish	0	0	0	0
056	Union Parish	2	2	0	0
057	Vermilion Parish	3	3	0	0
058	Vernon Parish	0	0	0	0
059	Washington Parish	63	63	0	0
060	Webster Parish	21	21	2	2
061	West Baton Rouge Parish	0	0	0	0
062	West Carroll Parish	8	8	0	0
063	West Feliciana Parish	0	0	0	0
064	Winn Parish	0	0	0	0
065	City of Monroe School District	47	30	0	17
066	City of Bogalusa School District	0	0	0	0
067	Zachary Community School District	0	0	0	0
068	City of Baker School District	0	0	0	0
069	Central Community School District	0	0	0	0

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