



Children's Education Alliance
of Missouri

Outstanding Schools Act: Frequently Asked Questions

TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

Q. In what school district(s) do I have to live in order to be eligible for a transfer?

A. At this time, you must be a resident of Normandy Public Schools, Riverview Gardens Public Schools or Kansas City Missouri Public Schools.

Q. Where can I transfer my child?

A. Your child is allowed to transfer to any district public school in the same or adjoining county. For example, if you live in the Riverview or Normandy Public School District, your child could attend any district public school in St. Louis County, St. Louis City, St. Charles County, Franklin County, or Jefferson County.

Q. Can I get all or some of my child's tuition paid at a private school if I live in an unaccredited school district?

A. At this time, you may not. Tuition will only be paid to district public schools.

Q. What is the likelihood that currently unaccredited school districts will become re-accredited? If this happens, will my child have to go back to our home school district?

A. We cannot speculate as to whether or not a school district will regain its accreditation. The State Board of Education makes that decision each fall. If a school district does regain its accreditation, we believe students will be allowed to complete the school year and then will need to return to their district of residence.

Q. My child is currently homeschooled, is she eligible for a transfer?

A. Yes.

Q. Can I enroll my child in a magnet school?

A. We believe so. However, the magnet schools have a separate enrollment process, so we encourage you to contact the school district and inquire about the application process and available space in magnet schools.

Q. Can I enroll my child in a charter school?

A. Probably not, but since charter schools are public independent schools, if you are interested in enrolling in a charter school, we suggest you contact that school you wish your child to attend and inquire with them.

Q. It is rumored that many more districts will become unaccredited in the near future. How do you suggest I determine the best school for a child I wish to transfer out of an unaccredited school?

A. It is possible that more districts will become unaccredited. We suggest that parents wishing to transfer their children do research on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website to review student outcomes. Use CEAM's "How to access the DESE Data Portal" handout for instructions. You can find it on the "Student Transfer Toolkit" page of our website. Additionally, we have created a "School Visit Checklist for Parents" to help parents determine if a school will be a good fit for their child. You can also find this in the "Student Transfer Toolkit" page of our site.

Q. If I moved into the unaccredited district after the school year ended, is my child still eligible to transfer?

A. Yes

Q. If I keep my child in the unaccredited district for another year, will they be able to transfer next year?

A. If the district is still unaccredited next year, your child will still be eligible to transfer.

Q. Are students entering kindergarten eligible to transfer?

A. Yes