Entrance, Placement, and Credit Acceptance

Entrance

All students seeking to enroll in a school or program of the Coeur d’Alene School District #271 must meet all residence, age, immunization, and other eligibility prerequisites for the school or program to which they seek admission as set forth in Idaho Code, rules of the State Board of Education, and District policies.

The District will not admit a student who has been expelled from another school district or private school for violation of a statute, regulation, or policy which prohibits weapons until the student is eligible to return to his or her home school district or private school. If a student wishes to challenge that decision, he or she is entitled to a due process hearing before the Board of Trustees.

Placement

The goal of the District shall be to place students at levels and in settings that will enhance the probability of student success. Developmental testing, together with other relevant criteria, including, but not limited to, health, maturity, emotional stability, and developmental disabilities, may be considered in the placement of all students. Final disposition of all placement decisions rests with the principal, subject to review by the Superintendent and the Board. Students are required to enroll in their designated school attendance zone, unless they have applied to a school of choice within the district. In this case, a request for transfer (Open Enrollment Policy 3010) will be initiated at their designated school attendance zone.

Transfer from Persistently Dangerous Schools

If any school within the District is found to be persistently dangerous in accordance with federal law, students attending the school shall be permitted to transfer to another traditional or charter school within the District which is not persistently dangerous and which is meeting annual yearly progress requirements. The transfer may be either permanent or temporary and lasting until the school of origin is no longer designated as persistently dangerous. Parents or guardians of students shall be notified that the school has been designated as persistently dangerous within ten days of being so designated. Within 20 days of receiving such notification, students may be transferred to another school within the District.

Any student who is the victim of a violent criminal offense on school grounds shall be permitted to transfer to another school within the District.

Credit Acceptance
New students entering the District from accredited public or private schools will be placed in grades/classes based on their previous placement/credits indicated on their transcript. Any student transferring into the District will be admitted on a space availability basis.

**Grades (7-8):** Credits are accepted from any accredited school on receipt of an official transcript. These will be used to determine state required credits for advancement or retention based on middle school credit retrieval policy. Should any doubt exist with the teacher or principal as to grade and level placement of the student, the student shall be subject to an educational assessment to determine appropriate grade and level placement.

**Grades (9-12), Credit Transfer:** Credits are accepted from any accredited school on receipt of an official transcript. Core and elective credits may be accepted from non-accredited institutions and from homeschooling for freshman, sophomore, and junior level classes in accordance with procedure 3001P. Students will be required to attend Coeur d’Alene School District 271 for their entire 12th grade year and shall be a full time student for both semesters, in order to obtain a diploma.

**Cross Reference:** 2600 Promotion/Retention  
2700 & 2700P High School Graduation Requirements  
3060 Education of Homeless Children  
3090 Foreign Exchange Students  
3525 Immunization Requirements

**Legal Reference:** Art. IX, § 9, Idaho Constitution- Compulsory Attendance at School  
I.C. § 33-201 School age  
I.C. § 33-209 Transfer of Student Records – Duties  
I.C. § 39-4801 Immunization Required  
I.C. § 39-4802 Exemptions  
20 U.S.C § 7912 Unsafe School Choice  
20 USC § 6313 Eligible School Attendance Areas  
42 USC § 11432 Education of Homeless Children and Youths

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