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CONTROLLED OPEN ENROLLMENT

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- I. The Superintendent shall develop a *Controlled Open Enrollment Process* that will be approved by the School Board and considered part of this policy. This process will enable the District to consider student assignment based on parental preference when requested by the parent as defined by Florida Statutes. The process shall be in effect beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.
- II. The process shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - A. Eligibility requirements;
 - B. Application process;
 - C. Forty-five (45) day time period for accepting applications;
 - D. Method of determining capacity of schools;
 - E. Capacity determination for each District school;
 - F. Identification of schools that have not reached capacity;
 - G. Class size standards;
 - H. Lottery procedure for determining student assignment if transfer requests exceed available space;
 - I. Provision for a parent to request placement of siblings within the same school;
 - J. Appeals process for hardship cases;
 - K. Availability of transportation; and
 - L. Method and timeline for notifying a parent of his/her child's placement for the next school year.
- III. The process for implementing must
 - A. Adhere to federal desegregation requirements;
 - B. Maintain socioeconomic, demographic, and racial balance;

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- C. Allow a student to remain at the chosen school until he/she completes the highest grade level at the school; and
 - D. Maintain existing academic eligibility criteria for public school choice programs.
- IV. Students residing in the District shall not be displaced by a student from another district who is seeking enrollment through the open enrollment provisions.
- V. Preferential treatment shall be provided for
- A. Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders;
 - B. Children who have moved due to foster care placement in a different school zone;
 - C. Children who have moved due to a court-ordered change in custody as a result of separation or divorce;
 - D. Children who have moved due to the serious illness or death of a custodial parent;
 - E. Students at multiple session schools; and
 - F. Students residing in the District.
- VI. The *Controlled Open Enrollment Process* shall be available on the District website.
- VII. The process for participating in controlled open enrollment shall be posted on the District website with a list of schools that have not reached capacity, the application for participation, and the deadline for submitting the request to participate in controlled open enrollment.
- VIII. The District shall report the number of students participating in public school choice by type as required by the Department of Education.
- IX. The *Controlled Open Enrollment Process* and the process for implementing the process shall be reviewed annually. The Superintendent shall present the process and any recommended changes to the School Board for consideration.

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