

Public Education Grant Program Notification
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Under the Public Education Grant (PEG) interdistrict transfer provision, a parent of a student enrolled at Dell City School may apply to attend a campus in any other school district for the 2010-2011 school year. A school district chosen by a student's parent under this statute is entitled to accept or reject the application for the student to attend school in that district but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status.

Eligibility to transfer to another school district under this provision is determined when the official school rating is announced. The 2009-2010 School Rating is Academically Acceptable, therefore this provision does not apply. Dell City ISD is making great strides in creating a successful learning environment through prescriptive tutorials, focused teaching objectives, and student data analysis.

Frequently asked questions and answers are provided below to better clarify the PEG provision.

Q: What is the PEG program?

A: In 1995, the Texas Legislature created the Public Education Grant (PEG) program [TEC §§29.201 - 29.205]. The PEG program permits parents whose children attend schools on the PEG list to request that their children transfer to schools in other districts. A list of PEG-designated schools is provided to districts annually. Parents may request a transfer for the 2007-08 school year.

Q: How can a *Recognized* or *Exemplary* school be on the PEG list?

A: A school can be on PEG lists for up to three years once they are listed, even if their subsequent ratings are *Recognized* or *Exemplary*.

Q: How does a parent obtain a transfer?

A: The parent obtains a transfer by contacting the district the student wants to transfer to, in writing. The PEG notification letter from the home district, as well as the PEG list, provides adequate justification for the transfer request.

Q: Can a PEG-listed school deny a student the right to request a transfer to another district's school?

A: No. The purpose of the letter the PEG-listed school sends every parent is to alert them that they can request a transfer under the PEG program.

Q: Must a district accept all students who request to transfer into it under the PEG program?

A: No, but districts must follow the same protocols they follow for evaluating non-PEG requests for transfers from other districts. For example, they may restrict transfers by using a first-come-first-served system, and deny further requests for lack of space. The refusal cannot be based on the PEG program in isolation

Q: Does the ability to transfer last the duration of the 2007-08 school year?

A: Yes. Parents may request a transfer under the PEG program any time during the 2007-08 school year.

Q: Can students transfer before the beginning of the upcoming school year, once the PEG list is published in February?

A: No. Since the list refers to the upcoming school year, PEG-funded transfers are not allowed until the designated school year begins.

Q: Can a student transfer from one PEG-listed campus to another PEG-listed campus?

A: No. Under the PEG program criteria, a student may not transfer from a PEG-identified campus to another PEG-identified campus under the PEG program. However, district-to-district transfers exist outside of the PEG program, and can begin, end, or continue regardless of the PEG status of the school(s).

Q: Are districts responsible for providing transportation to the school the student transfers to, if the school is in another district?

A: No, districts are not required to provide transportation for students who transfer to another district under the PEG program.

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