

## 4.5F—SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY RESOLUTION

Whereas:

- The Board of Directors of the **Gentry** School District has approved by a vote of the Board, the following capacity resolution for school choice applicants for the **23-24** school-year under the provisions of policy 4.5—SCHOOL CHOICE and applicable Arkansas law.
- Applicants, whose applications meet the provisions of policy 4.5—SCHOOL CHOICE, will be sent a provisional acceptance notification letter which will give instructions on the necessary steps and timelines to enroll in the District. Provisional acceptance shall be determined prior to July 1 with a final decision to be made by July 1 based on the district's available capacity for each academic program, class, grade level, and individual school.
- Applications will not be accepted if the applications:
  - **Are received, electronically timestamped, or postmarked before January 1, unless the application is from a student who has a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military and who has been transferred to and resides on a military base and the application is received, electronically timestamped, or postmarked within the fifteen (15) day period and accompanied by relevant documentation;**
  - Are ~~not~~ received, **electronically timestamped,** or postmarked ~~on or before~~ **after** May 1, unless the **application is postmarked before May 1 or** is from a student who has a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military and who has been transferred to and resides on a military base and the application is received, **electronically timestamped, or postmarked** within the fifteen (15) day period and accompanied by relevant documentation;
  - Are to a student's resident district that has declared itself exempt due to an existing desegregation order; or
  - Would exceed the applicant's resident district's statutory limitation on student transfers out of its district, unless the application is part of a sibling pair and the other sibling's application was the application that reached the district's statutory limit.
- The district reserves to itself the ability to determine, based on an examination of student records obtained from the prior district, and other information, whether any student would require a different class, course or courses, program of instruction, or special services than originally applied for. If such an examination determines that capacity has been reached in the appropriate class, course or program of instruction, or that additional staff would have to be hired for the applicant, the District shall rescind the original provisional acceptance letter and deny the Choice transfer for that student.
- The district reserves to itself the ability to decline to accept under school choice any student whose acceptance would require the district to add additional staff, ~~for any reason~~ **to exceed the District's current grade, program, or building capacity.**

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that these shall constitute the School Choice openings at the beginning of the School Choice enrollment period for the school-year **23-24** .:

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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