

**INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER AGREEMENT
FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

Pursuant to sec. 121.85, Stats. ("Chapter 220"), the Board of School Directors of the City of Milwaukee ("MPS") and the (Insert District) enter into the following Interdistrict Transfer Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year:

1) NUMBER OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS

A. Transfers to the District

Subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 8 and 9 of this Agreement, the District will make available _____ seats for interdistrict transfer students from MPS. Those seats shall be provided as follows:

- (1) For new students, _____ seats
- (2) For continuing students, _____ seats
- (3) For displaced students, _____ seats

B. Transfers to MPS

Subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 8 and 9 of this Agreement, MPS will make seats available for interdistrict transfer students from all suburban districts participating in the interdistrict transfer program. New District applicants to specific MPS schools or programs shall be selected for admission to such schools or programs in the same manner and on the same basis as MPS non-minority students. MPS may refuse placement of new District applicant(s) in a specific MPS school if such placement(s) would increase the number of suburban transfer students

from all participating suburban districts to more than 10% of the student population of that school.

2) APPLICATION PROCESS

MPS applicants for interdistrict transfers may indicate up to three choices of districts participating in the Chapter 220 program and shall rank their choices. The choices must align with the MPS transportation regions. The MPS transportation region aligned with the District is described on the map attached as Exhibit A. Suburban District applicants for interdistrict transfers may list up to three choices of MPS schools or programs and shall rank their choices. The rank order choices shall be provided to the District and MPS. MPS will be responsible for processing applications in compliance with the following timeline:

A. First Semester

1. Applications of Suburban District resident students applying for MPS will be received by the MPS Chapter 220 office between February 02–20, 2015.
2. Applications of MPS residents' students applying for the Suburban District will be received by the MPS Chapter 220 office between February 02–20, 2015.
3. All Suburban Chapter 220 applications are due into the MPS Chapter 220 office by March 2, 2015. Applications received after the 6th of March will be placed in the late file.
4. MPS will notify by mail the parents of Suburban District applicants and their District office of acceptance by January 5, 2015 for all

participants of early admission during October and November of 2014 and April 16, 2015 for Suburban residents who participated in the 3 Choice School Selection Process February 02– 20, 2015.

5. The Suburban District will notify by mail the parents of each Milwaukee resident student accepted or denied, and the MPS Chapter 220 Office of the student's acceptance or denial by April 10, 2015.

B. Second Semester

1. By the second Friday in November, MPS and the District may notify each other of any projected opening for the second semester.
2. MPS and the District may accept students for the second semester from the waiting list generated by the first semester applications.
3. Parents will receive notification of second semester assignments from the district of attendance by the second Monday in January.

C. Summer School. MPS and District, in their sole discretion, may make seats available for interdistrict transfer students in their respective summer school programs during the summer of 2015.

D. Selection. Districts and MPS shall not subject applicants for interdistrict transfers to any standards, tests or procedures not applied to resident students, nor shall they use such standards, tests or procedures with respect to applicants for interdistrict transfers in any way or manner or for any purpose different from that applied to resident students, except District or MPS may refuse to accept an applicant for transfer:

1. Who the receiving District determines was or could have been expelled under sec. 120.12 (1) (c), Stats.;

2. In the case of a K-8 student, who was absent without an excuse on twenty (20) percent or more of the school days during the semester immediately preceding the date of application or, in the case of a 9-12 student, who was absent without excuse from twenty (20) percent or more of the student's classes during the semester immediately preceding the date of application;
 3. Whose data sheet has not been fully and accurately completed with respect to essential information and the applicant has had a reasonable opportunity after written notice to provide such information;
 4. Who requires a bilingual education program not available in its district;
 5. Who has been referred for an evaluation to identify exceptional educational needs, but whose evaluation has not been completed prior to the date of the student's application for transfer.
- E. Oversubscription. In filling all available seats where the number of applications exceeds the available seats in a school, grade level or section, the District or MPS may give preference to siblings of transfer students attending school in the District or MPS, or to students selecting the District as their first choice or to eligible students displaced from other districts participating in the Chapter 220 Program, whose displacement was due to the implementation of the transportation regions.

F. Transportation Regions. The District must refuse to accept any MPS applicant who does not reside within the MPS transportation region aligned with the District as shown on Exhibit A.

3) SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

A. Students with special education needs, as defined under Chapter 125, Stat., the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq. (“SEN Students”), both current and later identified, shall be eligible to participate in the Chapter 220 program on the same basis as non-SEN students, except MPS and the District reserve the right to reject or return a non-SEN Chapter 220 student if either of the following applies: (a) if the student could otherwise transfer to MPS or the District pursuant to Chapter 115 because the applicant’s district of residence does not have an appropriate program; or (b) the total amount of financial assistance which MPS or the District would receive for the student under chapter 220 and other State reimbursements would be less than the cost of educating the student; the cost of educating the student shall be calculated pursuant to sec. 121.75-121.84, Stats.

B. Subject to the above, the District and MPS shall provide Special Education Services, including but not limited to Individualized Education Plan Team diagnostic services, individual educational plan placement services and direct service provision, to a transferred student as if that student were a resident student.

4) WITHDRAWAL OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS

The receiving district shall notify the sending district of any interdistrict transfer student whom elects to withdraw from participation in Chapter 220 within 14 days of the withdrawal.

5) TRANSPORTATION

The District will be responsible for the transportation of interdistrict transfer students from MPS to the District. The general guidelines for transporting interdistrict transfer students from MPS to the District shall be as follows:

- A. One daily round trip to and from school. Except for students being transported under subsection 1.b., all other students will arrive at school in time for the beginning of classes and will depart from school when the class day ends.
- B. Transportation will be provided for students involved with scheduled co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Such after-school activities include school-related clubs, intramural and interscholastic athletics, school operated recreation programs, tutoring, social programs, parent conferences, parent-student orientations, credit classes that meet after school and student government. If these extra-curricular activities have scheduled meets Saturdays, transportation will be provided.
- C. Transportation will be furnished when students become ill at school.
- D. Transportation will not be provided for fund raising activities.
- E. Transportation for activities will not be provided by the District on Sundays or legal holidays.
- F. Any other transportation requests must be approved by the District's transportation coordinator.

G. Commencing with the 2001-2002 school year, Milwaukee Public Schools will implement transportation regions for the Chapter 220 Program. The plan applies to those students that reside outside the transportation regions. The three transportation regions are:

North: City of Milwaukee North of Hampton Avenue

Central: City of Milwaukee between Hampton Avenue and I-94

South: City of Milwaukee South of I-94

The implementation of the transportation regions will be accomplished in two stages:

Stage One:

The first stage will impact all new Chapter 220 applicants. All new Chapter 220 students will be eligible to attend only those suburban districts that align with the transportation regions effective January 8, 2001.

Stage Two:

The second stage will impact all current Chapter 220 students attending a suburban district not aligned with the transportation region and in the top grade of an elementary or middle school. Students in the top grade will not be able to progress to the next level in the suburban school district beginning with the 2002-2003 school year. Parents affected by stage two will need to do one or more of the following as part of the February 2015 school selection process:

- ◆ Select another appropriate Chapter 220 school district
- ◆ Participate in the Milwaukee Public Schools Three Choice School Selection Process

- ◆ Participation in the Public School Open Enrollment Process (February 2015) as a possible option to remain in your current suburban district

6) MPS FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES

MPS will provide the District with the funds for transportation services identified in Paragraph 5 above. The amount of funds shall be determined by multiplying the number of MPS transfer students in the District on September 18, 2015 times \$_____, plus CPI-U for the 2015-2016 school year. The total amount of the expenditures shall not exceed_____.

MPS shall make ten (10) equal payments of the amount due to the District on the 30th of each month from September through June. If this Agreement is extended, the payment for the transportation of each MPS student shall increase annually by the increase in the CPI-U, during the period from July 1 to June 30 proceeding the school year during which transportation services are provided.

7) CHAPTER 220 COORDINATORS

The District and MPS shall each designate a member of their staff to coordinate the Chapter 220-transfer program in their respective districts.

Each coordinator, working through his or her counterpart, shall assist in resolving parental and administrative concerns with respect to the Chapter 220 program in his or her respective school.

8) PLANNING COUNCILS

In accordance with sec. 121.85 (9), Stats., MPS and the District will establish a Planning Council.

A. MPS will appoint the parent of a District transfer student and the parent of one of its interdistrict transfer students as advisory or public members of the Planning Council.

B. District will appoint the parent of a MPS transfer student and the parent of one of its interdistrict transfer students as advisory or public members of the Planning Council.

9) FUNDING PREREQUISITE TO CONTINUATION OF INTERDISTRICT

TRANSFER AGREEMENT

MPS and the District strongly support the interdistrict transfer reimbursement provisions contained in secs. 121.85 (6) (b)-(g), Stats., as such provisions existed on August 31, 1995. For that reason, MPS and the District support continuation of the level of funding generated by the formula as described in secs. 121.85 (6) (b)-(g), Stats., as such provisions existed on August 31, 1995. Notwithstanding their strong belief in the educational value and economic justification of such formula, MPS and the District also agree that nothing in this agreement shall require MPS or District to accept or to retain any transfer student for whom it will not receive reimbursement in an amount equal to or greater than its tuition cost as determined by sec. 121.83, Stats., (as it existed on August 31, 1995), or if District becomes wholly or partly responsible for the transportation costs of interdistrict transfers and does not receive full reimbursement, from whatever source, for such costs in the school year when incurred. Nothing herein stated shall waive any right which MPS or the District may otherwise have under Wisconsin Law.

10) SCHOOL DISTRICT RIGHTS

MPS and the District recognize that they each have and retain the right to determine their own practices and policies concerning (1) class size; (2) pupil-teacher ratios; (3) utilization of space for instructional purposes; (4) building new schools; (5) making additions to existing schools; (6) opening closed schools; (7) converting or reopening buildings or sections of buildings not currently being used for regular K-8, K-12 or union high school instructional purposes; (8) determining each school, grade level and section in which they will make seats available for interdistrict transfer. Nothing in this Agreement shall require MPS or the District in any future year either to continue, or to deviate from, and existing practice or policy concerning the foregoing, notwithstanding the effect of such continuation or deviation on MPS or the District's ability to continue the number of available seats stated in this Agreement.

11) TITLE I REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT RIGHTS

A. The **District** may receive Title I reimbursement on a biannual basis from MPS under the circumstances listed below:

1. For targeted assistance schools: The District fills out completely and mails to MPS the attached form A (Roster of Chapter 220/Title I Served Pupils) for each Title I School that serves Milwaukee residents Chapter 220 children by Friday, January 22, 2016 (for the first semester) and after Friday, May 20, 2016 (for the second semester). This form identifies eligible Milwaukee resident children receiving Title I services and students who have an academic need.

2. For schoolwide schools: Districts are required to identify Milwaukee Chapter 220 children in each eligible school enrolled as of the official enrollment date that have an academic need on the basis of multiple, educationally related, objective criteria established by the District. MPS may request documentation used to determine academic need. The District fills out completely and mails to MPS the attached form A (Roster of Chapter 220/Title I Served Pupils) for each Title I School by Friday, January 22, 2016 (for the first semester) and after Friday, May 20, 2016 (for the second semester). This form identifies eligible Milwaukee Chapter 220 resident children who attend Title I schoolwide schools as of the official enrollment date that have an academic need.
 3. Once MPS verifies the information, reimbursement will be paid for each semester based on one-half of the yearly Milwaukee Public Schools Title I per-pupil amount, which is published and determined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in September of 2015.
 4. **No reimbursement** will be made for services provided to children under the age of 5 or 18 years of age or older.
 5. **No reimbursement** will be made for forms submitted after Friday, January 22, 2016 (for the first semester) and after Friday, May 20, 2016 (for the second semester).
- A. **MPS** may receive Title I reimbursement on a biannual basis from the District under the circumstances listed below: For targeted assistance schools: MPS fills out completely and mails to the District a copy of the attached form A (Roster of Chapter 220/Title I Served Pupils) for each MPS Title I School that serves District residents by Friday, January 22, 2016 (for

the first semester) and after Friday, May 20, 2015 (for the second semester).

This form identifies eligible District resident children receiving Title I services.

1. For schoolwide schools: MPS will identify District's Chapter 220 children in each eligible school enrolled as of the official enrollment date that have an academic need on the basis of multiple, educationally related, objective criteria established by the District. The District may request documentation used to determine academic need. MPS will fill out completely and mails to the District the attached form A (Roster of Chapter 220/Title I Served Pupils) for each Title I School by Friday, January 22, 2016 (for the first semester) and after Friday, May 20, 2016 (for the second semester).
 - i. This form identifies eligible the District's Chapter 220 resident children who attend Title I schoolwide schools as of the official enrollment date that have an academic need.
 - ii. Once the District verifies the information, reimbursement will be paid for each semester based on one-half of the yearly District's Title I per-pupil amount. This per-pupil amount will be emailed to the Title I Coordinator for Milwaukee Public Schools no later than October 15 annually.
2. **No reimbursement** will be made for services provided to children under the age of 5 or 18 years of age or older.
3. **No reimbursement** will be made for forms submitted after Friday, January 22, 2016 (for the first semester) and after Friday, May 20, 2016 (for the second semester).

12)Term

The term of this Agreement commences on July 1, 2015 and terminates on June 30, 2016.

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MILWAUKEE

By:

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Date: _____

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