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HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PLAN FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING INTO RIO RANCHO SCHOOLS FROM OUT-OF-DISTRICT UNDER OPEN ENROLLMENT

TRANSITION PLAN FOR CHILDREN OF RRPS EMPLOYEES (originally approved February 2008)

STUDENT TRANSFERS BASED ON SCHOOLS' AYP (ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS) STATUS

Two comprehensive high schools will serve Rio Rancho Public Schools high school students beginning in August 2009 (contingent on sufficient operational funding to open the new Cleveland HS). During the 2009-10 school year, all seniors will remain at Rio Rancho HS (RRHS) and, as is customary when opening a new high school, Cleveland HS (CHS) will not enroll a senior class. Current projections suggest that in 2009-10 Rio Rancho HS's enrollment will be approximately 2,800 students and Cleveland HS' enrollment will be approximately 1,800 students.

Students transferring in from outside the Rio Rancho School District:

RRPS will observe the following guidelines in determining where students attending Rio Rancho schools under the provisions of the state's Open Enrollment Act and district policy #302 will be enrolled:

1. Out-of-district students currently enrolled via open enrollment in Rio Rancho HS or Rio Rancho Mid-High grades 9-12 will be placed as follows:
 - a. Currently at Rio Rancho HS grades 10 or 11 Stay at RRHS
 - b. Currently at Rio Rancho Mid-High in grades 8 or 9 Assigned to CHS (RRHS closed to transfer students)
 - c. Any new request for open enrollment grades 9, 10, 11 Approved at CHS only
 - d. Any new request for open enrollment grade 12 RRHS
2. Students currently enrolled in grades K-7 in Rio Rancho schools via open enrollment will be placed at CHS or RRHS based on available space. The student/parent must use the approved district forms requesting a transfer under open enrollment and indicate their preference.

Children of Rio Rancho Public Schools full-time employees:

The following provisions (in italics) were approved in February 2008 in conjunction with last year's boundary decision and the Activities Transition Plan: (#4 is a new addition):

1. *Student of RRPS Employee (living in or out of district):*

For purposes of eligibility a RRPS employee will be defined as a full time employee (as interpreted by the human resources dept).

RRPS believes in the NMAA concept of Pursuing Victory with Honor and will pay particular attention to the concept of "gamesmanship". The intentional hiring of a parent / person with the intent to allow student(s) to gain eligibility at either RRHS or CHS is an example. Students whose parent / guardian

fall into this possible situation will not be granted automatic eligibility. Each case will be reviewed by a committee to be composed of each HS site athletic coordinator, each principal, the district athletic director, and superintendent of schools (or designee). It is the intent of RRPS to uphold all policies and procedures set forth by the NMAA. We discourage these types of situations, and in most cases the student will be subject to the 90 / 180 day period of ineligibility.

- 2. Students of RRPS full-time employees enrolled currently at RRHS will be given the option of selecting the high school they wish to attend effective August 2009. This is the NMAA one free choice rule. After making a choice, students that request a transfer will be held to all NMAA transfer policies and procedures.*
- 3. Students of RRPS full-time employees currently enrolled at any RRPS middle (and Mid-High grade 8) / elementary school students will be given the option of selecting the high school they wish to attend effective their 9th grade year. This is the NMAA one free choice rule. After making a choice, students will be held to all NMAA transfer policies and procedures.*
- 4. For purposes of planning all RRPS employees must declare their student's high school choice by the last day of first semester classes annually. This shall be called the declaration day.*

Transfers based on school ratings (AYP status):

Requests for transfers between RRHS and CHS based on the AYP status of the schools and whether a school has been classified as "in need of improvement" will not be reviewed until the public release of the 2009 AYP results / rankings issued by the Public Education Department. Once the school ratings are released, RRPS will consider and approve requests for transfer according to the procedures defined in state and federal law and regulation. However it is important to note that the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) has decided not to extend extracurricular eligibility to students transferring due to a school's AYP status. Students deciding to transfer under the AYP provisions will be subject to the 90 period of ineligibility (varsity only) as contained in the NMAA by-laws.