Nebraska Department of Education Enrollment Option Program 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94987 Lincoln, NE 68509-4987; (402) 471-3323

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT TRANSFER

NDE 25-010 Revised: May 2016 Date Due: March 15

**NEBRASKA ENROLLMENT OPTION PROGRAM SCHOOL YEAR** 

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR STUDENT (if an emancipated minor or age 19 or order) requesting a transfer to attend a school district other than the district of residence. Between September 1 and March 15, this application must be sent, (postmarked) or delivered to the **Option School District**. If after March 15, this application **MUST** be accompanied by a **WRITTEN** release (waiver)

Student Name (Last, First, M.I.)		Birthdate: Month	N.4	_ Day	Year	
Parent/Guardian Name (Last, First, M.I	.)	Sex: F Mailing Address	_ M	Residence Addre	ss (if different)	
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Expected Grade Level at Time of Enrol	lment: K 1 2	3 4 5	6 7	8 9 10	11 12	
Does Student Require Special Education	on Services? (check	one)	Yes _		No	
If Yes, Does the Student Have an Indiv	idualized Education Pro	gram (IEP)?	Yes _		No	
Is the Applicant a Sibling of a Current C	Option Student?		Yes _		No	
Has the Applicant Attended Option Dis	rict for the Immediately	Preceding 2 Years?	Yes _		No	
Did the Student Relocate After Februar	y 1 <sup>st</sup> ?		Yes_		No	
Does Applicant Qualify for Free or Red	uced Price Lunches?		Yes_		No	
Signature of Parent:			1	Date:		
Resident District Name and Number:			E	Building Currently	/ Attending:	
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#### INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING THE ENROLLMENT OPTION APPLICATION FORM

Photocopies should be made for communication and coordination of the necessary information with Applicants and Schools.

When completing applications for the Enrollment Option Program, applicants and school officials should be aware of the following dates:

September 1: Earliest date for submitting applications for the next school year. March 15: Deadline for filing applications unless a waiver of dates is granted.

April 1: On or before this date, the Option District must inform the Resident District of all names of applications.

April 1: Final date for option district to respond to the application.

NOTE: Enrollment Option is available only once to each student prior to graduation except that an option does not count toward

that limitation if it meets, or met at the time of the option, one of the following criteria: (a) The student relocates to a different resident school district, (b) the option school district merges with another district, (c) the option school district is a Class I district, (d) the student will have completed either the grades offered in the school building originally attended in the option school district or the grades immediately preceding the lowest grade offered in the school building for which a new option is sought, (e) the option would allow the student to continue current enrollment in a school district, (f) the option would allow the student to enroll in a school district

in which the student was previously enrolled as a student, or (q) the student is an open enrollment option student.

**NSAA Eligibility:** "Potential applicants should consult with officials of the Nebraska School Activity Association (NSAA) to determine a

student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities if a student is or may be participating in any activities

sponsored by the NSAA."

**DEFINITIONS:** 

**Option School District:** A public school district the student chooses to attend other than his or her resident school district.

Option Student: A student that has chosen to attend a public school district other than his or her resident school district, including

a student who resides in a learning community and who has chosen to attend an option school district in such learning community prior to the effective date of the establishment of such learning community, but not including a student who resides in a learning community and who enrolls in another school district in such learning

community.

**Resident School District:** The public school district in which a student resides, or attends as a resident student.

Note: The Resident and Option School Districts should retain this form until the student completes school or

cancels the Enrollment Option.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION 1**:

- The parent or legal guardian should complete this section. The student may complete this section if he or she is an emancipated minor or age 19 or older.
- A separate application form is required for each applicant.
- Indicate in the appropriate spaces:
  - If the student needs Special Education services and has an individualized Education Program (IEP). 0
  - If the applicant has a sibling that is a current option student. 0
  - If the applicant has attended the option district for the immediately preceding two years. If the student relocated after February 1<sup>st</sup>.
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  - (Optional) if the applicant qualifies for free or reduced price lunches.
- Applicant must currently reside in the Resident School District listed in Section 1 at the time of application.
- The application should be signed and delivered to the office of the superintendent of schools of the Option School District.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION 2**:

- This is only needed if the application is made after March 15.
- If the Resident School District will not waive deadline dates, the reason for denial must be stated in the appropriate space.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION 3:**

- If the Option School District approves the application, indicate by marking the appropriate space.
- Submission of an incomplete form is not an adequate reason to deny an application. The Option School District officials should secure a complete form prior to the March 15 deadline.
- If the Option School District denies the application, the reason for denial must be stated in the appropriate space.
- Whether approved or denied, photocopies of any application received by the March 15 deadline must be sent by April 1 to the Applicant and the Resident School District.
- **NOTE**: Unless the student relocated to a different district after February 1<sup>st</sup>, had a previous option district merge after February 1<sup>st</sup>, or became eligible for the option as a result of changes made to 79-234(1) R.R.S. by LB 410 (2013), applications submitted after the March 15 deadline must have Section 2 completed or be accompanied by a written release from the Resident School District that includes a statement of deadline waiver, the signature of the superintendent and the date of such action. The application should also be sent to the Applicant and the Resident School District.

## DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CHANGE OF STATUS SECTION:

- When an Option student moves out of the Resident School District, completes grades offered in the Option School District, becomes a resident of the affiliated high school district or ceases to attend the Option School District for other reasons, the Option School District should complete the Change of Status section and send photocopies to the Applicant and the Resident School District.
- When the parents seek to withdraw an application or cancel an approved Enrollment Option transfer, they may notify the Option District official who will then complete the Change of Status, or parents may complete the Change of Status and affix their own signature. In either case, copies must be provided to the Option and Resident districts.

# APPEAL PROCESS:

The parent or legal guardian may appeal a rejection of an application or of a request to release to the State Board of Education within thirty days after the date the notification of the rejection is received. A sample petition form for this appeal can be found in Appendix A of the Nebraska Department of Education's Rule 61 (http://www.education.ne.gov/LEGAL/webrulespdf/RULE61.pdf).

If the Applicant or School District officials have questions or need assistance in completing this form, contact:

Nebraska Department of Education / Enrollment Option Program Telephone (402) 471-3323