

# **GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION OPERATING PROCEDURES: CHILDREN WHO TRANSFER**

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*GRANBURY ISD has entered into an Interlocal Agreement to cooperatively operate its Deaf and Hard of Hearing special education programs under the authority of Tex. Ed. Code § 11.157. The BRAZOS RIVER REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF Special Education Services Cooperative may provide for the efficient delivery of legally required special education and related services to GRANBURY ISD's eligible students who are deaf or hard of hearing as set forth in the Interlocal Agreement, including the implementation of these Special Education Operating Procedures.*

GRANBURY ISD Board Policy along with these *Special Education Operating Procedures* constitute the Policies and Procedures of GRANBURY ISD, designed to be consistent with the State policies and procedures developed pursuant to the IDEA. GRANBURY ISD *Special Education Operating Procedures* are not to be for the purpose of creating a requirement that is not otherwise imposed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEA"), together with its implementing federal regulations, state statutes and rules, as they shall from time to time be amended, and shall not be construed to create a higher standard than that established by IDEA. These *Special Education Operating Procedures* will be posted on GRANBURY ISD's website. These *Special Education Operating Procedures* should be interpreted consistent with the IDEA. GRANBURY ISD's *Special Education Operating Procedures* are reviewed and updated, as needed, on at least an annual basis. GRANBURY ISD will make timely changes to policies and procedures in response to IDEA amendments, regulatory or rule changes, changes to state policy, or new legal interpretation as are necessary to bring GRANBURY ISD into compliance with the requirements of IDEA. GRANBURY ISD maintains systems to ensure that all students with disabilities residing in the District, including students with disabilities attending non-public schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated and provided a free appropriate public education. GRANBURY ISD maintains systems to ensure that students with disabilities and their parents are afforded the procedural safeguards required under the IDEA (and its implementing federal regulations, state statutes and rules) including with respect to the confidentiality of records and personally identifiable information.

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## ***What about students who transfer?***

If a student is in the process of being evaluated for special education eligibility by another public school district and enrolls in the District before the evaluation is completed, the District will coordinate with the student's previous school district to ensure prompt completion of the initial evaluation. If the student transfers from another public school district when an initial evaluation is pending, the timelines for conducting the evaluation apply to GRANBURY ISD unless:

- the District is making sufficient progress to ensure a prompt completion of the evaluation; and
- the parent and the District agree to a specific time when the evaluation will be completed.

If a student transfers from another school district in Texas with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), the District will provide a free appropriate public education to the transfer student by providing services comparable to the services described in the student's IEP from the student's previous school district until:

- the District adopts the student’s IEP from the previous school district, or
- the District develops, adopts and implements a new IEP in accordance with the procedures outlined in **the District’s FAPE Composite Operating Procedure**.<sup>1</sup>

If a student transfers from another state with an IEP, the District will offer services comparable to the services described in the IEP from the sending school district until the District takes the following actions:

- conducts a new full and individual evaluation, as described in **the District’s Evaluation Procedure Operating Procedure**, if the evaluation staff members determine that a new evaluation is necessary; and
- develops, adopts and implements a new IEP, if appropriate, in accordance with the procedures outlined in **the District’s FAPE Composite Operating Procedure**.<sup>2</sup>

Additionally, the District will take reasonable steps to promptly obtain a transfer student’s special education and general education records from the sending school district.<sup>3</sup>

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**Demonstrations of this procedure’s implementation may include, but are not limited to, examples such as:**

- Texas Record Exchange (TRES) requests
- Telephone logs of calls to prior school districts and demonstrating calls to students’ parents seeking collaboration
- Records from prior schools
- Training materials
- Parent meeting documentation

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<sup>1</sup> 34 C.F.R. § 300.323(e)

<sup>2</sup> 34 C.F.R. § 300.323(f)

<sup>3</sup> 34 C.F.R. § 300.323(g)