

NORTH MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT NON-RESIDENT TRANSFERS OUT GUIDELINES

The school board has voted to not allow transfers out unless it meets a special hardship ruling, mid-year or summer move. A district may consider a transfer request outside of the inter-district transfer policy and procedures where a hardship exists. Oregon is not a school of personal preference or choice state, however, allows school districts to establish procedures for the review of any student request to attend school in another district. We have adopted this approach because our fundamental beliefs and core values represent excellent instruction and services provided directly to students are the most effective methods for achieving our strategic goals, including student achievement."

We welcome you to be part of the North Marion Schools Community! We are very proud of the work we have done here at North Marion School District with care, connection, and continuity. We are a small school-based system with dedicated staff and community support.

We are working hard to implement additional programs based on our strategic planning core values, vision, and mission for the district. One of those will be a bilingual program starting at the Kindergarten grade level. I have linked in our <u>Strategic Plan 2022-2025</u>.

We offer free door-to-door school bus transportation. For those who need childcare, we offer on-site before and after-school childcare for children in grades K-5. This program provides a safe, high-quality, educational childcare environment. Additionally, we have highly trusted in-home parent resources for child care if interested.

North Marion School District is an inclusive K-12 campus in rural Aurora. Our attendance boundaries include all residences in Aurora, Butteville, Donald, Hubbard.

We have four schools as follows:

North Marion Primary: Grade Pre-K through 2nd

North Marion Intermediate: Grades 3 - 5 North Marion Middle School: Grades 6-8 North Marion High School: Grades 9-12

Our schools are safe, warm, and inviting. At each school, we have an excellent staff mixed with talent and expertise of veteran teachers, which has brought high energy to meet the rigor and relevance of daily instruction. Our i-Ready math program gets kids excited about Math. Last year our student growth in kids by 3 levels in Match at the 3rd, 4th, and

5th-grade levels was remarkable. Our energetic active parent group, North Marion PTO is dedicated to strengthening the relationship between school, home, and community in order to help our children thrive.

At the High School, we are partnering with Willamette Career Academy to offer students the opportunity to learn hands-on skills, prepare for licensure testing, earn industry certifications and boost their program/college applications through participation in a WCA program of study. Program options include diesel mechanics, cosmetology, and health services.

Approval or non-approval of your request is determined by the school board based on transfer-out limits and the criteria outlined in district policy. This includes considerations for mid-year moves and meeting the special hardship ruling as defined in ORS 581-021-0019(6)(a). Such hardships may involve documentation of an emergency to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the student, detrimental conditions, safe public school choice, or homelessness.

Hardship is specifically defined in OAR 581-021-0019(1)(c).

It is important to note that requests based solely on logistical convenience, workplace proximity, childcare preferences, or a desire for specialized programs are not typically considered valid hardships under this policy.

To complete your request to transfer out of NMSD, access the transfer application in the support documents below or visit the website at www.nmarion.k12.or.us/district/page/non-resident-student-transfers-and-out

Notification of approval or denial regarding your application will be communicated to you by the district by a written letter. Students who do not meet the criteria above will not be released from NMSD through the inter-district process. NMSD may request or obtain additional information to ensure a thorough and fair review process.

If your transfer out request is declined, you may contact your desired district about tuition options if you wish your child to attend there.

If you have questions, please contact <u>Diane Laubsch</u>, Transfer Liaison.