



## Gresham-Barlow School District Inter-District Transfer FAQ

### How do I apply for a transfer to another school district?

- The parent/guardian contacts the neighborhood school district or visits their district website for transfer information. Transfer processes may vary by district.
- The Gresham-Barlow [transfer information](#) is updated on our [website](#) each spring during the month of May for the upcoming school year.

### When will I be notified if my release to another district is approved?

- Transfer applications are reviewed periodically during the spring and summer months. Most release applications will have a decision by early July.
- You will be contacted through the email address shared on the transfer application.

### Does a release from Gresham-Barlow secure my transfer to a neighboring district?

- No. If your student is released from Gresham-Barlow SD, the requested district can accept or deny the transfer request.
- The requested school district will be notified of the release and will contact you with a request for any additional information they may require.

### What if the neighborhood school district denies my request for a release?

- You will be notified and offered an opportunity to appeal the decision.
- Gresham-Barlow offers this [online appeal option](#) for GBSD students denied a release.

### What if my transfer request is approved, and I want to return to a Gresham-Barlow School?

- You can [enroll online](#) for your neighborhood school within the Gresham-Barlow School District at any point in the transfer process.

### Is transportation provided with an approved transfer?

- Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Some districts offer TriMet passes at no cost to high school students.

### What are the requirements for a student attending school through an inter-district transfer?

- Satisfactory attendance is **required**. Any student who attends school less than 90% of school days are considered chronically absent.
- Satisfactory citizenship must be demonstrated at all times.
- Transfer students are expected to be on track academically, moving toward graduation with their grade-level peers.

- Students must arrive and depart schools based on bell schedules. Tardies are considered unexcused. Students must depart the school campus at the end of the scheduled school day. School staff cannot monitor students once the buses leave the building.

**Can an approved transfer be rescinded in the future?**

- School districts may rescind a transfer if the student fails to meet the previously stated requirements. This could include a mid-year decision if it is determined that a student is not making satisfactory progress.

**Do I need to reapply for a transfer annually?**

- You do not need to reapply for an inter-district transfer every year. Transfer agreements are valid through the student's high school graduation as long as they meet the transfer expectations as previously stated.
- One exception will be if the student moves from the releasing district. In this case, the new neighborhood district would require a new release, and the requested district can accept or deny the new transfer.

**Are siblings automatically eligible for transfer to the requested school district?**

- No, each student requesting the transfer must go through the neighborhood district for a release to the preferred district.

**What do I do if the transfer application period is closed, but I have a hardship and need a transfer to another district?**

- Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)581-021-0018 defines a hardship as:
  - The student is impacted by a parent or guardian's military deployment;
  - The student is experiencing instability related to homelessness or foster care placement;
  - The student has a documented medical condition that necessitates transfer;
  - Death of a student's parent;
  - The student does not have access to safe and affordable childcare in the resident district; or
  - The student is involved in a documented case of severe harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying (please note; any allegation of bullying will need to be investigated by the school administrator and the incident(s) on file, which may delay the transfer decision).
- For more information, contact: [inter-district-ransfers@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:inter-district-ransfers@gresham.k12.or.us)

If my student has never attended a Gresham-Barlow school, but I now live in the Gresham-Barlow catchment, do I need a release to transfer to another school district?

- Inter-District transfers are based on the district of residence and not school enrollment. An approved transfer is required if you reside in the Gresham-Barlow catchment and want to transfer to another school district.