

Who pays for the transportation of overflow students?

Transportation is provided by Twin Rivers Unified School District at no cost to parents at this time. Students are eligible for transportation services to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum mileage. The mileage depends on the grade level.

What if my child does not want to go back to his/her residence school?

If your child is not offered a space at his/her residence school, your child will be able to stay at the overflow school for the remainder of the year without loss of his/her registration date status at the residence school.

Who will see that my child gets on the right bus and/or that my child is met at the new school?

Your home school will be contacting you to give you the overflow school information. At that time they will give you the bus route number, a bus stop location, and a pick-up time. Parents are asked to provide assistance to students so that they get to the bus. (Route numbers are posted on the bus, adjacent to the entrance door.) At school, the students will be assisted by the playground supervisor or teacher.



School sites have staff assigned to supervision at least 15 minutes before the start of the school day and at least 15 minutes after the end of the school day.

All schools have staff on campus until 4:00 p.m. All buses are equipped with two-way radios so that there is communication about students and their routes.

How do I appeal my overflow situation?

There is no need to appeal. If you are unhappy with the choice that was given to you, you may request an intra-district transfer and provide your own transportation for your child to attend another school provided there is space.

How does overflowing work before school starts?

Before school opens, our procedure is to place students at the home school and move them after we determine:

- There really is no room at the school. (In many cases, students move and do not notify us of the move.)
- Where there are openings at other schools.

This usually takes us 1 to 5 days after school starts.

How does overflowing work after school begins?

The parent is told at the time of registration that the student will be overflowed. The Office Manager sends the overflow request to the district office to find a school with openings, and then it is determined which one of the schools we are able to transport your child to. The student is sent to the new school once the parent has been notified and busing has been set-up.

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Overflow Procedure Information



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What is an overflow student?

An overflow student is one in grades K-8 for whom there is no room in the student's residence school at the time of registration. Action is taken when class sizes exceed limits that are effected by class size funding or contractual obligations. For example, if the district established class size in primary



grade to be 24 for the year then the 25th student would be overflowed.

What causes overflow?

Overflowing to other schools is the result of two factors—Board-adopted contractual class size maximums and district financial constraints.

Contractual

The contract between Twin Rivers Unified School District and the Teachers' Association states that class size in grades K-6 are 30 students per teacher. Due to the benefit of class size funding, the district is able to lower class size in grades K-3 below 30 students. (This may change depending on the contractual agreement for the year.) Classes are balanced within 15 school days.

Financial

Twin Rivers Unified School District does not have resources to provide a new classroom and a new teacher every time we exceed the student/teacher ratio. Example: If we have 37 fourth graders, we cannot create a class for 5 children. Instead, we find a class elsewhere in our district where there is room for 5 additional 4th graders. These 4th graders are then "overflowed" to that school.

Furthermore, extra classrooms and additional students would tax the already-overburdened facilities at many of our schools.

When does the school decide that it must overflow students?

The school does not decide to overflow newly-registered students unless it has tried all of the following:

- Creating a combination class to house extra students.
- Adding an extra teacher (if there is space to house extra students) if there are extra students in one grade or extra students in two grades.

Who is overflowed?

When the district must send students out of a school, it wants to do this in the most fair way possible. Overflow students are selected by the date of completed registration at the residence school. Students who register first have preference for spaces at the neighborhood school.

We also want to ensure stability. Therefore, after the first day of school, newly-registered students will not displace existing transfer students.

We have remained with the first-come, first-served practice because it is the easiest to verify, and it results in the most stable enrollment process.

We try to keep siblings together. If one of your children must be bused, we will make an effort to find a school to also accommodate his/her sibling if this is requested.

How long will my child be overflowed?

Your child could be overflowed for a few days, a few weeks, a few months, or all year. It depends on two things—your child's registration

date (students are called back to the residence school based on their registration date) and the turnover rate at your resident school.

Turnover of students during the school year is difficult to predict. The school secretary maintains yearly records of students checking in and out of school. The secretary can tell you the average number of students who move in and out of a grade during the year.

To ensure stability in classrooms and for individual children of families, we recommend that the student not return to their residence school until the following school year. If you wish to return to your residence school before the end of the school year, please notify the school secretary and when there is a space available for your child, they will contact you to return.

What school will my child attend? Will I have a choice?

The residence school will notify the district office of the need to overflow a student. The school that has space and is accessible by the district transportation department will be the school that is chosen, unless you wish to provide transportation.

If you wish to have your child attend another school, you must complete and have approved an intra- or inter-district transfer. If the transfer is approved, parents must provide transportation.

The district also offers open enrollment transfer at available sites. Applications are available from December through February for the following school year.

