

SERIES 400 – STUDENTS

School Admissions – 420

Admission of Transfer Students from Private or Parochial Schools Alternative Schools and Home-Based Educational Programs (420 - Rule)

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District shall not discriminate in admissions to any school, class, program or activity on the basis of sex, race religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

I. Admission from Private or Parochial Schools

Placement of students entering the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District from a recognized and/or accredited private or parochial school providing traditional graded educational programs will be based upon careful review of the pupil's records from the private and/or parochial school. The Building Principal will place the student in the appropriate grade level and/or secondary courses as indicated by the pupil's previous records.

II. Admission from Alternate Schools and/or Home-Based Educational Programs

Any student who has been in attendance in an alternative school or home-based educational program for a period of ninety (90) school days or more and who wishes to enter or re-enter the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School System will be required to take an examination to establish grade placement. The placement decision will be based upon:

- The results of the examination.
- The chronological age of the child.
- A careful review of the depth and rigor of the courses studied in the alternate or home-based educational program.

The placement of the child is the decision of the Building Principal but may be appealed to the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Board of Education.

The placement examination shall be determined and administered by the school district's School Psychologist.

Entering students placed at Brookwood High School in grade 10 or above will be allowed up to six (6) credits per year toward graduation requirements for each of the high school years below the grade level of placement. Courses taken while in an alternative or home-based educational program shall be recorded on the pupil's permanent record as "satisfactory". Grades and grade point averages from an alternative or home-based educational program will not be used for class rank.

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Students Transferring to Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Schools from an alternative or home-based educational program are strongly encouraged to do so at the beginning of the school year or at the semester.

Students need to be enrolled in Brookwood High School prior to the 6th semester of coursework at Brookwood High school to be considered for valedictorian, salutatorian, and the Academic Excellence Scholarship.

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