[District Name] Board of Education Policy Military Dependent Transfer Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear, consistent procedures for processing open transfer request and provisional transfers for military-dependent students in accordance with House Bill 2259 (2025), the Education Open Transfer Act <u>Title 70 O.S. § 8-101.1 – 8-103.1</u> and <u>Oklahoma Administrative Code 210:10-1-18</u>. This policy ensures compliance with state law and guarantees equitable and transparent transfer processes for all students.

II. Definitions

A. Open Transfer:

A request by a parent or legal guardian to transfer a student from their resident school district to a non-resident district, as authorized under 70 O.S. § 8-101.2.

B. Personal electronic device:

A transfer granted to a child of an active-duty military service member or a service member on official orders who will establish residency within the district within six (6) months of the application, as required under HB 2259 and 70 O.S. § 8-103.1.

C. Capacity

The maximum number of students who can be accommodated at a school site or in a specific grade level, determined annually in compliance with 70 O.S. § 8-103.1 and published in accordance with OAC 210:10-1-18.

III. Policy Statement

It is the policy of [District Name] to process all open transfer applications fairly and transparently, in compliance with state and federal law, while reserving capacity for military-dependent provisional transfers, prohibiting discrimination, and providing families with timely written communication regarding decisions and appeal rights.

IV. Transfer Procedures

- A. Open Transfer Request
 - 1. Applications shall be accepted year-round and processed in the order received, 70 O.S. § 8-101.2.
 - 2. Approval is contingent on space, staffing, and program availability, <u>OAC</u> 210:10-1-18.
 - 3. Denials shall clearly state reason, such as capacity limits or disciplinary issues.
- B. Provisional Transfer Requests for Military Dependents
 - 1. Approved regardless of capacity with valid documentation of active-duty status or official orders, 70 O.S. § 8-103.1.
 - 2. Seats reserved per 100:
 - i. Elementary -2

- ii. Middle-4
- iii. High-6
- 3. All required services, including IEP, Section 504, and language accommodations, shall be prepared prior to the student's first day, OAC 210:10-1-18.

V. Capacity and Documentation

- A. Post annual capacity publicly by January 1, 70 O.S. § 8-103.1; OAC 210:10-1-18.
- B. Maintain transfer records in compliance with the Oklahoma Records Management Act.

VI. Appeals

Parents may appeal denials to the Superintendent within ten (10) days, <u>OAC 210:10-1-18</u>. Appeals may then be escalated to the State Board of Education per <u>70 O.S. § 8-103.2</u>.

VII. Confidentiality and Compliance

All records shall be treated as confidential student records in compliance with FERPA and 70 O.S. § 24-101.4.

VIII. Training and Notification

Annual training will be provided for staff, and families will be notified through the district website and materials.

IX. Prohibited Actions

No staff shall deny or delay lawful transfers, especially those involving military-dependent students, HB 2259; OAC 210:10-1-18.

X. Legal Authority

This policy is adopted pursuant to HB 2259, <u>70 O.S. § 8-101.1 – 8-103.1</u>, and <u>OAC</u> 210:10-1-18.

Approved by the [District Name] Board of Education on [Insert Date]
Board President:	
Superintendent: _	
Legal Reference:	HB 2259, 70 O.S. § 8-101.1 – 8-103.1, and OAC 210:10-1-18.