

StudentsOption EnrollmentA. Process and Time Lines to Option In

For a student to attend Alliance Public Schools as an option enrollment student, the student's parent or legal guardian must submit an application to the Board of Education of the Alliance Public School District between September 1 and March 15 for enrollment during the following and subsequent school years (the "application period").

Upon receipt of an application, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall provide the resident school district with the name of the applicant on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

Provisions for Waiver of Application Deadline (Choose one or modify as desired):**Option 1 (Waiver unless at capacity):**

The application deadline will be waived by the School District for applications to option into the Alliance Public School District, provided that the application contains a release approval from the resident district and satisfies any other requirements of law. Further, the application deadline shall not be waived if the application is for enrollment in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this School District which have been determined by the School District to be at capacity in accordance with the capacity standards (Appendix "1"), and no waiver of the deadline shall be made for such an application regardless of whether such capacity determinations are declared invalid for any reason.

Option 2 (Limited Deadline Waiver):

The application deadline will **not** be waived by the School District for applications to option into the Alliance Public School District, except in the following circumstances:

1. **Siblings**: The application deadline will be waived where the application is for a student who is the sibling of a student attending Alliance Public Schools as of the time the application is filed, provided the application is filed at least 30 days prior to the semester in which first enrollment is sought. A "sibling" for this purpose means a child who resides in the same household on a permanent basis with a student who is currently attending Alliance Public Schools and who has the same natural or adoptive parent or who is a stepbrother or stepsister.
2. **Kindergarten**: The application deadline will be waived where the application is for a student who is seeking to enroll and attend the Kindergarten grade level provided the application was filed on or before June 1 prior to the first semester of the next school year.
3. **Release Approval**: For the foregoing exceptions, the application must contain a release approval from the resident district.

4. Other Conditions: The waiver of the deadline in the above circumstances does not require acceptance of the application, as such applications may be rejected for reasons other than late filing.
5. Capacity: For the foregoing exceptions, the application deadline shall not be waived if the application is for enrollment in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this School District which have been determined by the School District to be at capacity in accordance with the capacity standards (Appendix "1"), and no waiver of the deadline shall be made for such an application regardless of whether such capacity determinations are declared invalid for any reason.
6. Capacity for Late Filed Applications: Where an application is filed for enrollment in the same school year in which enrollment is sought, the "projected enrollment" determinations made pursuant to paragraph D shall be replaced with the "actual enrollment" as of the first day of school for the year of application, as determined by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee, but only in the event such actual enrollment is higher than the projected enrollment. Actual enrollment shall include all students in attendance and all students registered to attend (even if not in actual attendance on the first day).

B. Rejection of Applications; Reasons

1. Capacity: An option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building or the availability of appropriate special education programs operated by the School District would be exceeded by acceptance of the application, and an option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the application is for enrollment in a program, class, grade level, or school building which has been declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.
2. Timeliness: An option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the application is not filed on a timely basis and the filing deadline has not been waived.
3. Previous Option Enrollment: An option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the student has previously filed an option enrollment application for enrollment in any School District and has had such application accepted, unless a statutory exception to the "one-time" rule is applicable to the student's circumstance.
4. Other Reasons: An option enrollment application may be rejected in the event the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or the School District determines: The application is not submitted on a form prescribed by the State Department of Education, is not completely and accurately filled in, is not received within the time required by law, or any additional information requested to be supplied is not supplied to the School District within the time lines indicated; or in the event acceptance of the application is not required by law. Matters which are legally

prohibited from being considered as standards for acceptance or rejection of applications (including “previous academic achievement, athletic or extracurricular ability, disabilities, proficiency in the English language, or previous disciplinary proceedings” and further including, without limitation, race, national origin, and gender) shall not be considered as reasons for acceptance or rejection.

C. Priority of Acceptance

Priority shall be accorded in the following order: (1) first, to those applications required to be given priority by law, (2) second, to those with a sibling in attendance at Alliance Public Schools, with priority within this group being given to those who had earliest filed applications, and (3) third to those without an option student sibling in attendance at Alliance Public Schools, with priority within this group to those who had earliest filed applications.

Filing date determinations are made by the Superintendent, or the Superintendent’s designee. In the event applications within a group are received at the same or substantially the same time, priority as between such same-date applications shall be determined on the basis of random drawing.

D. Determination of Capacity

The School District will determine and set, on an annual basis, the maximum number of option enrollment applications the School District will accept in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this School District, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this School District will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs, and may declare a program, class or school unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity. Such determinations may be made in the form of an Appendix “1” to this Policy. The determination and declaration made for any school year shall continue in effect for the next and subsequent school years unless otherwise determined and/or declared.

E. Releases for Options Out

Provisions for Release (Choose one or modify as desired):

Option 1 (Release unless Expulsion is Pending):

A request for release of a resident student of the Alliance Public School District who submits an enrollment option application after March 15 or any other statutory deadline will be granted unless the release shall not be granted if the administration is considering or has recommended expulsion of the student at the time the application is filed, and the administration determines it is appropriate to complete the expulsion process.

Option 2 (Release Conditions):

A request for release of a resident student of the Alliance Public School District who submits an enrollment option application after March 15 or any other statutory deadline will be granted only on the following conditions:

1. Kindergarten: A release will be granted where the application is for a student who is seeking to enroll and attend the Kindergarten grade level provided the application was filed on or before June 1 prior to the first semester of the next school year.
2. Siblings: A release will be granted where the application would allow the student to attend the same school as a sibling, provided the application is filed at least 30 days prior to the semester in which first enrollment is sought. A “sibling” for this purpose means a child who resides in the same household on a permanent basis with a student who is currently enrolled in the option district and who has the same natural or adoptive parent or who is a stepbrother or stepsister.
3. Educational Programming: A release will be granted where the needs of the student require the District to obtain additional staffing or equipment and it is in the best interests of the District and the student to enroll in the option district. The determination of whether this condition is met shall be made by the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee.
4. No Pending Expulsion: The deadline shall not be waived if the administration is considering or has recommended expulsion of the student at the time the application is filed, and the administration determines it is appropriate to complete the expulsion process.

The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee is hereby authorized to execute such releases on behalf of the School District and the School District, subject to subsequent ratification by the School District.

F. Notification of Acceptance or Rejection

In the case of an application to option enroll into the Alliance Public School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee shall notify, in writing, the parent or legal guardian of the student and the resident school district whether the application is accepted or rejected on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

If an option enrollment application or a request for release is rejected by the Alliance Public School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian stating the reasons for the rejection and the process for appealing such rejection to the State Board of Education. Such notification shall be sent by certified mail.

G. Applications Subsequent to Relocations or Mergers

An option enrollment application does not require a release and shall be accepted or rejected within forty-five days after filing in the following circumstances:

1. the student relocated to a different resident school district after February 1, or

2. the student's option school district merged with another district effective after February 1, and
3. the application is for attendance during the immediately following and subsequent school years.

H. Status of Option Student

A student who is admitted under the enrollment option program shall be treated as a resident student, and in such regard shall be required to provide such enrollment information and documentation as is required for enrollment of other students (e.g., certified birth certificate and evidence of physical examination, visual evaluation and immunization), shall be required to be enrolled on a full-time basis, and shall be required to adhere to student conduct rules. The building assignment for an option student, as well as classroom and grade level assignments, shall be determined by the administration.

An option student shall not be entitled to transportation except as required by law. Transportation or transportation reimbursement will be provided in the following circumstances:

1. The Alliance Public School District may, upon mutual agreement with the parent or legal guardian of an option student, provide transportation to the option student on the same basis as provided for resident students. The school district may charge the parents of each option student transported a fee sufficient to recover the additional costs of such transportation.
2. Option students who qualify for free lunches are eligible for either free transportation or transportation reimbursement from the option school district. The District's policy is that the District selects which service (transportation or reimbursement) is to be provided to students.
3. For option students receiving special education services, the transportation services required in the student's Individualized Education Plan shall be provided by the resident school district.

I. Information Regarding Schools, Programs, Policies and Procedures.

As part of the option enrollment program, the administration shall make information about the Alliance Public Schools and its school, programs, policies and procedures available to all interested persons and shall have a copy of the option enrollment policy and regulations available at each school building.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-232 to 79-246

Date of Adoption: August 7, 2017

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member _____ moved for its passage and adoption, member _____ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: _____.

The following members voted against the same: _____.

The following members were absent or not voting: _____.

The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 5th day of August, 2019

ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 5006 for the current school year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the current school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	110	90	
First	110	108	
Second	88	80	
Third	88	79	
Fourth	110	90	
Fifth	110	104	
Building Capacity, Elementary			
Level I Elementary Special Education	83	83	0
Level II & III Elementary Special Education	20	20	0
Sixth	110	103	
Seventh	110	83	
Eighth	110	92	
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Level I Middle School Special Education Program	50	50	0
Level II and III Middle School Special Education	7	7	0
Ninth	125	90	
Tenth	125	115	
Eleventh	125	117	
Twelfth	125	124	
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program	62	62	0
Level II and III Sr. High School Special Education	10	10	0

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member Cornish moved for its passage and adoption, member Toof seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Toof, Cornish, Kollars, Curtiss, Trussell, Brown.
The following members voted against the same: _____.
The following members were absent or not voting: _____.
The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2018

ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: Jim Kollars
President

Attest: [Signature]
Secretary

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 5006 for the current school year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the current school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	110	92	
First	88	82	
Second	88	83	
Third	110	96	
Fourth	110	105	
Fifth	110	107	
Building Capacity, Elementary			
Level I Elementary Special Education	83	83	0
Level II & III Elementary Special Education	20	20	0
Sixth	110	85	
Seventh	110	101	
Eighth	110	87	
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Level I Middle School Special Education Program	50	50	0
Level II and III Middle School Special Education	7	7	0
Ninth	125	117	
Tenth	125	124	
Eleventh	125	120	
Twelfth	125	110	
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program	62	62	0
Level II and III Sr. High School Special Education	10	10	0

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member Quibb moved for its passage and adoption, member Toussel seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

All
The following members voted against the same: None

The following members were absent or not voting: N/A The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attest: Tracy Antness
Secretary

By: Jim Kollars
President

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 502.02 for the 2017-2018 School Year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2017-2018 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	100	75	
First	100	88	
Second	110	102	
Third	125	111	
Fourth	125	113	
Fifth	100	91	
Building Capacity, Elementary			
Level I Elementary Special Education	90	90	0
Level II & III Elementary Special Education	20	20	0
Sixth	125	101	
Seventh	125	86	
Eighth	125	101	
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Level I Middle School Special Education Program	48	48	0
Level II and III Middle School Special Education	11	11	0
Ninth	125	116	
Tenth	125	122	
Eleventh	125	115	
Twelfth	125	117	
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program	65	65	0
Level II and III Sr. High School Special Education	13	13	0

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member Toof moved for its passage and adoption, member Dobson seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

Toof, Cornish, Kollars, Dobson

The following members voted against the same: none

The following members were absent or not voting: Curtiss Weghoff

The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 25th day of July, 2016.

ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attest: Alan Cornish
Secretary Vice President

By: Tim Kollars
President

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member _____ moved for its passage and adoption, member _____ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

_____.
The following members voted against the same: _____.

The following members were absent or not voting: _____ The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 25th day of July, 2016.

ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attest: _____
Secretary

By: _____
President

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 502.02 for the 2016-2017 School Year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2016-2017 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	125	95	
First	125	103	
Second	125	110	
Third	125	109	
Fourth	100	93	
Fifth	125	103	
Building Capacity, Elementary			
Level I Elementary Special Education	73	73	0
Level II & III Elementary Special Education	18	18	0
Sixth	125	89	
Seventh	125	108	
Eighth	125	119	
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Level I Middle School Special Education Program	45	45	0
Level II and III Middle School Special Education	9	9	0
Ninth	135	114	
Tenth	135	120	
Eleventh	135	118	
Twelfth	135	125	
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program	60	60	0
Level II and III Sr. High School Special Education	9	9	0

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member Curtiss moved for its passage and adoption, member Dobson seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Cornish, Wegehof, Toof, Curtiss, Dobson, Kollars. The following members voted against the same: _____. The following members were absent or not voting: _____. The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 2015.

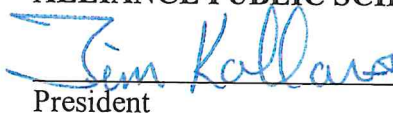
ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attest:

Secretary

By:

President



Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 502.02 for the 2015-2016 School Year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2015-2016 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	132	110	
First	132	121	
Second	132	123	
Third	110	99	
Fourth	110	113	0
Building Capacity, Elementary			
Level I Elementary Special Education	100	100	0
Level II & III Elementary Special Education	19	19	0
Fifth	130	96	
Sixth	130	105	
Seventh	130	129	
Eighth	130	123	
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Level I Middle School Special Education Program	66	66	0
Level II and III Middle School Special Education	11	11	0
Ninth	135	114	
Tenth	135	129	
Eleventh	135	134	
Twelfth	135	100	
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program	51	51	0
Level II and III Sr. High School Special Education	13	13	0

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 502.02, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 502.02 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member Girard moved for its passage and adoption, member Curtiss seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Girard, Kollars, Curtiss, Dobson, Wegehof

The following members voted against the same: none

The following members were absent or not voting: Cornish The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 6th day of October, 2014.

ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attest:

R. Curtiss
Secretary

By:

Tom Kollars
President

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 502.02 for the 2014-2015 School Year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2014-2015 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	132	120	
First	132	123	
Second	110	100	
Third	110	110	0
Fourth	110	98	
Building Capacity, Elementary			
Level I Elementary Special Education	72	72	0
Level II & III Elementary Special Education	16	16	0
Fifth	130	104	
Sixth	130	129	
Seventh	130	122	
Eighth	130	114	
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Level I Middle School Special Education Program	65	65	0
Level II and III Middle School Special Education	10	10	0
Ninth	135	130	
Tenth	135	134	
Eleventh	135	100	
Twelfth	135	146	0
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program	54	54	0
Level II and III Sr. High School Special Education	12	12	0

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WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member _____ moved for its passage and adoption, member _____ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: _____.

The following members voted against the same: _____.

The following members were absent or not voting: _____.

The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 5006 for the current school year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the current school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

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Eighth			
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Level I Middle School Special Education Program			
Level II and III Middle School Special Education			
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Tenth			
Eleventh			
Twelfth			
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program			
Level II and III Sr. High School Special Education			

[Print on School District Letterhead]

[Date]

[Insert Name of Parent/Guardian]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City], NE [Insert Zip Code]

RE: Option Enrollment; [Insert Name of Student]

Dear [Name of Parent/Guardian]:

I am writing to notify you of the rejection of your:

- ___ option enrollment application
- ___ request for a release approval.

Reason for Rejection: The reason for the rejection is that your application or request does not meet the conditions for approval that are set forth in the District's option enrollment policy and/or state law. Additional reasons for the rejection are set forth in the completed application form, which is enclosed.

Appeal Process: The parent or legal guardian may appeal a rejection of an application or of a request to release. The appeal is to be filed with the State Board of Education within thirty days after the date the notification of rejection is received. A sample petition form for an appeal can be found in Appendix A of the Nebraska Department of Education's Rule 61 (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/LEGAL/RULE61.html>).

Sincerely,

Alliance Public Schools

Dr. Troy Unzicker, Superintendent

Enclosure: Completed Option Enrollment Application

Sent via certified mail