

## **Policy for Changing High School Academic Pathways**

If a student is returning from the current school year and would like to change pathways for the upcoming school year, parents/guardians/caregivers with educational decision-making rights (“educational rights holders”) will indicate this move on their Intent to Return Form.

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Once the Intent to Return window has closed for current students:

- The student will be required to meet with a Guidance Counselor or the Site-Based Pathway Principal to change pathways.
- The requested pathway will need to have a spot available. If there are no spots available, a waitlist will be created on a first-come, first-served basis. However, students from the current school year requesting a change of pathway will be given priority as a currently enrolled student.
- If a student making a request to move to a new pathway is receiving Special Education Services, the IEP team will meet to discuss placement to allow the IEP team to make an individualized determination as to whether the pupil can receive a free appropriate public education in the new pathway and ensure that the IEP document provides for the change in pathway.
- Educational rights holders will be notified to fill out a survey to accept or decline changing pathways. If any educational rights holder disagrees with the student moving into the requested pathway, the educational rights holders will be expected to resolve their disagreement outside the School. In order to maintain consistency for students and prevent multiple back and forth requests to move pathways, a student will remain in the current Pathway until consent is received from all educational rights holders

When all educational rights holders have consented to the change, and the change request has been accepted, the student and all educational rights holders will be notified, and the student will be assigned to a teacher accordingly.

If there is not a spot available, all educational rights holders will be notified, and the student will be moved to the top of the waitlist.

- The student will remain in their current pathway until a spot becomes available.
- All educational rights holders will be notified once a spot becomes available for their student.