



Mountain View
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Exemption Process for Enrollment 2019-2020

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- With the implementation of the new school attendance boundaries in 2019-2020, the District has established a process to review school placements for families who have concerns
- Helps to ensure enrollment priorities are being carried out consistently and effectively



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How do we communicate our Student Placement Exemption Process?

Exemption Process Communication For Parents

- **School Site Responsibilities**
 - School site office staff communicate the exemption process and the reasons that will be considered for an exemption
 - Inform parents that if they feel their child qualifies, parent may pick up an exemption form at the District Office

Exemption Process Communication For Parents

- **District Office Responsibilities**
 - District Office staff explain the reasons that may be considered for student placement exemptions
 - Provide parents with Student Placement Exemption Form
 - Collect completed forms

Student Placement Exemption Committee

- Committee is composed of a MVWSD Board member, administrator, and at-large community member
- The Student Placement Exemption Committee will conduct a blind review of each exemption form, based on the three parameters

Student Placement Exemption Committee

- Requests will be approved or denied by the Student Placement Exemption Committee
- MVWSD District Office staff notify parents by June 1st of the decision, and that the decision is final.



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Exemptions from Student Placements

Student Placement Exemption Reasons

- Title IX Civil Rights
- Special Education Placement
- Active United States Military to Monta Loma only

Title IX Civil Rights Exemption

An exemption regarding student placement may be granted as a result of Title IX investigation, if the investigation results in evidence of harassment, violence or bullying.

Special Education Placement Exemption

A exemption regarding the placement of a student with an individualized education plan (IEP) may be granted if the school does not provide the special education services required by the student's IEP (for example, special day classes, therapeutic services, etc.).

Active United States Military Exemption

A exemption regarding the placement of students who have one or more parents enlisted as active U.S. Military. This placement exemption will be granted for Monta Loma Elementary only.



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- The new boundaries were needed to solve community issues of over-prescribed schools and students not attending neighborhood schools
- MVWSD strives to carry out Board direction with consistency
- Of the total requests, the number of exemption requests that meet qualifications are low
- Change in schools can be difficult for families