

CASP Board of Director's statement on the use of working parent versus non-working parent status in enrollment

In the last several years, a few parents have expressed the opinion that CASP's enrollment policy should take account of parental working status. Parents specifically made this suggestion in reference to potential enrollment decisions related to dramatic changes in enrollment (i.e., a significant reduction in enrollment numbers). After a great deal of thinking and discussion, the CASP Board of Directors (BOD) has decided not to change the current enrollment policy. After many discussions over several years, this decision is the result of the Board of Director's (BODs) inability to formulate a fair and enforceable enrollment policy that takes into account parental working status. More specifically:

1. Defining working versus non-working status is difficult and ambiguous. The lack of a 40 hour-per-week, "full-time" job outside the home is not an accurate indicator of "non-working status" that could be used by CASP. There are many variations in how parents earn their living and spend their time that are equally valid reasons for needing after-school childcare.
2. The time and resources required for CASP to verify the working status of parents would be prohibitive.
3. Parental working status can change at any time.