

423 PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

This policy shall be administered in accordance with the state public school open enrollment law.

Nonresident Open Enrollment Students (Open Enrolled "IN")

A nonresident student may apply for full-time enrollment in a District school or program under the open enrollment program in accordance with state law and established procedures. Applications shall be made and acted upon in accordance with the timelines and procedures outlined in state law. The District shall consider the following criteria when accepting or rejecting a nonresident student's application for full-time enrollment.

1. The District will consider availability of space in the schools, programs, classes or grades. When determining space availability, consideration shall be given to such factors as class size limits, student-teacher ratios, the number of students currently attending District schools whose tuition is paid by another school district, and enrollment projections. The District shall give preference in accepting full-time open enrollment applications to any nonresident students already attending school in the District, and their siblings; pupils for whom tuition is paid under subch. V of ch. 121, Stats; pupils who currently reside in the District but plan to move prior to the beginning of the following school year; and pupils who moved out of the District during the current school year but have remained in public school in the District under s. 121.84(1)(a). Stats. If the District receives more nonresident student applications for full-time enrollment than there are spaces available, the District shall determine which students to accept on a random basis.
2. Whether the special education program or related services described in the students' individualized educational program (IEP) are available in the District or whether there is space available in the special education program identified in the student's IEP, including any class size limits, student-teacher ratios, or enrollment projections established by the Board. If a nonresident student's IEP changes after the student begins attending school in the District and the special education program or services required by that IEP are not available in the District or there is no space available in the special education program identified in the IEP, the District may deny the student's continued enrollment in the District.
3. The District will consider whether the student has been screened by his/her resident district to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe that the student is a child with a disability. Another consideration will be whether the student has been reported or identified as having a possible disability, but not yet evaluated by an IEP team in the resident district.
4. Whether the District has determined that the student was habitually truant from the District during any semester of attendance at the District in the current or previous school year. If this determination has been made, the District may prohibit the student from attending school in the District under the full-time public school open enrollment program in the succeeding semester or school year.

The District shall not accept any student for full-time enrollment who has been expelled by any school district during the current school year or preceding two school years for specific conduct specified in the law, or who has disciplinary proceedings pending on such conduct. This policy provision applies to the following student conduct: endangering the health, safety or property of others under certain conditions; conveying or causing to be conveyed a "bomb" threat involving school property; possessing a dangerous weapon while at school or under the supervision of a school authority; or, engaging in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the health, safety or property of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or of any employee of the school district or member of the school board. If any of these disciplinary actions occur after the student has been accepted for enrollment and prior to the beginning of the school year in which the nonresident student first enrolls in the District, the student's enrollment shall be denied.

The District may also deny the enrollment of any student who has been expelled from another Wisconsin public school district, no matter what the reason for the expulsion, during the term of the student's expulsion.

Once a nonresident is accepted as an open-enrollment student in the district, the student may be required to reapply one time at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.

A nonresident public high school student may apply for enrollment in a specific course(s) in the District in accordance with state law and established procedures. The District shall use the same criteria for accepting and rejecting course applications for nonresident students as resident students, except that the District shall give preference in attendance in a course to resident students. If the District receives more nonresident applications for a course than there are spaces available, students will be accepted on a random basis.

Except as otherwise provided, student transportation shall be the responsibility of the nonresident student's parent(s)/guardian(s) or the student, if an adult. The District may provide transportation to nonresident students participating in the full-time open enrollment program only from a scheduled stop within the District upon approval of the District's transportation department, and under the District's "Pay to Ride" provisions. The District shall provide transportation for nonresident students with disabilities if it is required in the student's IEP, once costs have been agreed upon by the nonresident and resident districts.

Nonresident open enrollment students attending school or classes in the District shall have all the rights and privileges of resident students and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as resident students.

The District will give preference in assigning students to a school, program, class, or grade to resident students who live outside the school's attendance area (boundary exceptions).

Resident Open Enrollment Students (Open Enrolled "OUT")

Resident students may apply for full-time open enrollment in another public school district in accordance with state law and established procedures.

The District will limit the number of District resident students that will be allowed to attend school in another public school district to the maximum limit established by the law. If the District receives more applications than the maximum allowable, acceptance will be determined on a random basis, except preference will be given to resident students already attending public school in the district to which they are applying, and their siblings.

The District will deny attendance in another school district if costs of special education services required in the student's IEP would place an undue financial burden on the District. If a resident student's IEP changes after the student begins attending a nonresident school district and the costs of the special education program or services required by the IEP would place an undue financial burden on the District, the District will discontinue allowing the student to attend school in the nonresident district.

The District will not provide transportation to resident students participating in the full-time open enrollment program.

The District will NOT permit nonresident districts to enter into this district for the purpose of picking up and dropping off open enrollment students.

District high school students may apply for enrollment in no more than two courses in other public school districts in accordance with state law. The District will reject a student's application to attend a course in another public school district if the course conflicts with the student's individual educational program (IEP), or if the application to attend a course in another public school district would impose an undue financial burden on the District. The High School Principal shall determine whether a course to be taken at another public high school satisfies District graduation requirements and shall inform the resident student if it does not meet such requirements prior to beginning the course.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
118.51
118.52
120.13(1)(f)
121.54 (1)
121.58 (2)(a)
Chapter 115, Subchapter V
PI 36, Wisconsin Administrative Code
Wis. Act 68

CROSS REF.: 343.2, Class Size
411, Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Prohibited
420, School Admission
432, School Attendance

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