

BOUNDARY EXCEPTION OR OPEN ENROLLMENT

WHICH ONE APPLIES TO ME?
WHEN DO I APPLY?



The difference between a boundary exception and open enrollment is that **boundary exceptions are for** students in grades KG-5 who reside in the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District, but wish to attend a different WRPS school outside of their normal attendance boundary area (*for example, you reside in the Howe Elementary attendance area, but wish to have your children go to Mead Elementary*).

Open enrollment is the process to use when your child (grades 4K-12) resides in one school district, but you would like your child to attend school in a different district (*for example, you live in Stevens Point, but would like your children to attend school in Wisconsin Rapids*).

Both the boundary exception and open enrollment processes have very specific guidelines to follow in order to apply. Procedures for both are explained on the WRPS website under the “Parents” tab found at the top of our homepage (<http://www.wrps.org/>). Boundary exceptions use a paper form process, while open enrollment uses an on-line process hosted through the Department of Public Instruction website.

It is crucial for families who wish to have their children attend a school, other than the one they would normally attend within their attendance boundary area, to choose the correct process (boundary exception vs. open enrollment) and ***meet the required deadline*** to apply.

The timeframe to apply for boundary exceptions for 2018-19 is **February 1-28, 2018**.

The timeframe to apply for open enrollment is **February 5, 2018 through April 30, 2018**.

If you have any questions, you may obtain more information by:

- ☞ checking out the WRPS webpage at www.wrps.org (hover over the “Parent” tab at the top of the page for a drop-down menu)
- ☞ contacting your building office
- ☞ call Candy at 715-424-6710, ext. 1, for questions related to the open enrollment process
- ☞ call Missy Bouchard at 715-424-6713, for questions related to the boundary exception process



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