

PUBLIC OPEN ENROLLMENT

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

Nonresident Fulltime Open Enrollment Students

A nonresident student may apply for full-time enrollment in a West Salem School District school or program under the open enrollment program in accordance with state law. The District shall consider the following criteria when accepting or rejecting a nonresident student's application for full-time enrollment:

1. The West Salem School District will consider the availability of space in the schools, programs, classes/grades including class size limits, student teacher ratios, tuition students and enrollment projections.
2. The West Salem School District will give preference in accepting full-time enrollment applications to any nonresident students already attending school in the district and their siblings.
3. Additional criteria that will be considered for accepting or rejecting open enrollment:
 - a. Whether the student has been expelled by any school district during the current school year or preceding two school years for specified conduct or whether disciplinary proceedings are pending on specified conduct. Such conduct includes:
 - (1) Conveying or causing to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives.
 - (2) Engaging in conduct while at school or while under supervision of a school authority that endangered the health, safety or property of others.
 - (3) 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.
 - (4) Possessing a dangerous weapon, as defined in s. 939.22 (1), while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority.

If any of the above disciplinary actions have occurred or are pending after the student has been accepted for enrollment in the district and prior to the beginning of the school year in which the student will first enroll in the district, the school district may deny the student's enrollment.

- b. Whether the special education program or related services described in the student's 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 ratio or enrollment projections established by the board. If a nonresident student's IEP changes after he/she begins attending school in the district and the special education program or services required by the IEP are not available in the district, the district may deny the student's continued enrollment.
- c. Whether the student has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated by an IEP team in the resident district. To the extent permitted by the DPI, and assuming other acceptance criteria are and continue to be met, such a student's parent or guardian may request that the District reconsider a denial under this criteria if the IEP (or a finding of no disability) is forwarded to the District and reviewed by the District prior to the close of the period during which the District would normally continue to process and accept applications.

Nonresident Part time Open Enrollment Students

A nonresident public high school student may apply for enrollment in specific courses 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 receive more nonresident student applications meeting the criteria as noted in sections two and three of this policy for part-time enrollment than there are spaces available, final determination of which students to accept shall be made on a random basis. The names of all applicants will be placed in a box. The board president will draw the appropriate number of names to be included in the open enrollment class, grade or program.

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The parents/guardians of nonresident students attending schools in the district on a full-time basis are responsible for student transportation to and from the school or program in the nonresident school district.

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

Resident Students Going Out of the District

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

The parents/guardians of resident students attending school in another school district under the open enrollment program shall be responsible for providing student transportation to and from the nonresident school district.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
 118.51
 118.52
 121.54(10)
 121.58(2)(a)
 Chapter 115, Subchapter V

CROSS REF.:

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