

# 2024-2025 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 5 – APRIL 30, 2024.

#### What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

#### How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2024-25 school year is from February 5-April 30, 2024. The application period closes at 4:00pm on April 30, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

#### Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

#### Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

#### Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

#### Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

## IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

### February 5 – April 30, 2024

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

### June 7, 2024

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

### June 14, 2024

Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

### June 28, 2024

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2024-25 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



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