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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

We are pleased to welcome you to the Antelope Valley Union High School District for the 2021-22 school year that begins in August 2021. If you wish to be considered for attendance at high school other than your school of residence, please read the following information.

We would also like you to consider the materials that have been provided to you from your school of residence. Additional information on all of our schools is available on the District's website at [www.avdistrict.org](http://www.avdistrict.org). All of our schools offer excellent opportunities for students to be successful.

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**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Open Enrollment is the procedure to apply for a high school other than your school of residence. There will be a limited number of 2021-22 Open Enrollment spaces available at each of our high schools: **Antelope Valley High School, Eastside High School, Highland High School, Knight High School, Lancaster High School, Littlerock High School, Palmdale High School, and Quartz Hill High School.** These include general Open Enrollment spaces as well as some spaces specific to particular academies: AVHS Engineering/Green Enterprise Academy, EHS Biomedical Sciences Academy, HHS Public Service Academy, KHS Digital Design & Engineering Academy, Lancaster HS Multimedia and Engineering Academy, Littlerock HS Biomedical Sciences Academy, PHS Engineering Academy, PHS Health Careers Academy, and QHHS Television and Video Academy. Also, qualified students entering grade eleven only may apply for the QHHS International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Students interested in academies must also submit a separate academy application through the Academy Coordinator at the requested school.

Open Enrollment approvals will be on a lottery basis with the exception of students who have siblings currently attending the requested school and who will continue to attend for the 2021-22 school year. Open Enrollment for an incoming sibling will be considered approved if there is another sibling in the same family, residing in the same residence, *currently* enrolled. If the older sibling graduates prior to the incoming sibling's actual enrollment, the incoming sibling will not qualify for sibling approval.

Since Administrative Regulation 5116–School Attendance Boundaries specifically states, "Students living in the designated school attendance area will have priority status over students requesting open enrollment transfers to that school," Open Enrollment also may be available to returning high school students who are currently attending a school on Open Enrollment from a previous school year and are requesting to attend/return to their physical school of residence beginning with the 2021-22 school year.

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Transportation to a school of preference through the process of Open Enrollment will be the responsibility of the parent. Transportation arrangements should be finalized prior to completing the Open Enrollment application. School bus service is not an option.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- All students must submit their applications to the Student Services Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021. Applications may be emailed to: [studentservices@avhsd.org](mailto:studentservices@avhsd.org). Applications may also be submitted by fax to (661) 949-6292; or they may be mailed to AVUHSD SS, 548 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster, CA 93534. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED (with the exception of siblings and students new to the area after the deadline).**
- It is our intent to mail during April 2021 notification of approval or waiting list status to every family who applies.
- Once a student has confirmed acceptance of a school of preference, the student may only return to the prior school of residence through the Open Enrollment process during a subsequent year.
- Applications may be printed from the District's website at [www.avdistrict.org/parents/open-enrollment](http://www.avdistrict.org/parents/open-enrollment).
- Questions concerning Open Enrollment should be referred to (661) 729-2321, Ext. 300.

### OTHER OPTIONS

Additional options within our district available outside of the Open Enrollment process include applying for the AVUHSD Virtual Academy Charter School (661-943-3031; <https://www.avvirtualschool.org>) or applying for SOAR High School ("Students on the Academic Rise"), an AVUHSD program located on the Antelope Valley College campus with separate qualifications and application process (661-722-6509; <https://www.soarhs.org/future-students>).

Our goal is to provide a quality educational program at each school for all students. We look forward to working with you to make it happen.

Sincerely,



Shandelyn Williams  
Assistant Superintendent  
Student Services

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