

**Virtual Learning Academy of St. Clair County
Amended
Admission Policy**

RE: ADMISSION POLICY

The Virtual Learning Academy of St. Clair County (the "Academy") hereby adopts an open enrollment policy to be administered and interpreted in accordance with the terms of the Contract for a Public School Academy (the "Contract"), entered into between the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) and the Academy, and the requirements of Part 6A of the Revised School Code.

To the extent consistent with the Contract and the Revised School Code, the Academy's open enrollment policy shall be applied in accordance with the following admission criteria:

1. Admission to the Academy shall only be open to residents of the State of Michigan or of the local constituent districts that make up the St. Clair County RESA service area.
2. The Academy shall not charge tuition.
3. The Academy shall not discriminate in its admissions practices and educational opportunities on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age, height, weight, intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, status as a handicap person or person with disabilities, or any other basis that would be a violation of federal, Michigan or local law or the Contract.
4. Enrollment in the Academy shall be targeted to students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 and beyond, as determined by the student's resident district, and may be expanded to include eligible adults. Enrollment may be opened to other grades and ages of students to the extent authorized by the Contract and the Revised School Code, subject to the maximum number of students, as specified in the Contract.
5. For the special education transition program, students will be enrolled consistent with their IEPs and Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).
6. If there are more applications to enroll in the Academy than there are spaces available, students shall be selected to attend using a lottery random selection process.
7. To the extent required by law, the Academy shall allow any student who was enrolled in the Academy in the immediately preceding school year to enroll in the Academy in the appropriate grade, if the grade is offered by the Academy.

The Academy shall annually advertise, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of St. Clair, Michigan, and by other methods as approved by the Academy Board of Trustees, that it is organized as a chartered public school academy that is open enrollment basis to students who are residents of the state of Michigan or are eligible to be enrolled in any of the St. Clair County RESA's service area and who meet the admissions requirement as outlined above.

This policy amends the previous Board approved policy dated April 23, 2009

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