



NORTHWEST ISD

Limited Open Enrollment

December 8, 2025

WHAT IS LIMITED OPEN ENROLLMENT?



- Limited Open Enrollment is a planned program to allow a **set number of students who live outside of Northwest ISD boundaries** to enroll at specific schools within the district.
- These schools would be chosen based solely on **available capacity** and revised annually.
- Seats are limited, as a **cap will be set per campus** to leave capacity for students who may move into a school's attendance boundaries.

WHY LIMITED OPEN ENROLLMENT?

- While Northwest ISD is a fast-growth school district, some schools are in **areas with declining or stagnant enrollment.**
- Without Limited Open Enrollment, Northwest ISD would have to **consider more frequent rezoning,** potentially moving students to schools further from home, or **closing schools entirely.**



DISTRICTS WITH OPEN ENROLLMENT

The following North Texas school districts offer open enrollment in some capacity. This ranges from **limited open enrollment** (certain areas can enroll, or enrollment is only at select campuses) to **full open enrollment** (any family can enroll their child at any school).

- Allen ISD
- Birdville ISD
- Boyd ISD
- Burleson ISD
- Coppell ISD
- Crowley ISD
- Everman ISD
- Garland ISD
- Frisco ISD
- McKinney ISD
- Richardson ISD
- White Settlement ISD



PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMICS

Passing grades for the two most recent school years.

ATTENDANCE

Review tardies and absences for the two most recent school years.

BEHAVIOR

No significant disciplinary records, subject to district discretion.

LOCATION

Live no more than 30 miles from the requested campus.

These requirements and recommendations are **tentative**.



ADDITIONAL ASPECTS

Northwest ISD will meet the needs of all its students, including transfers, though Limited Open Enrollment will include stipulations to offer this program within our capabilities.

- An **enrollment processing fee of \$100** per student, with family cap, who takes part in the Limited Open Enrollment program. An annual fee would also be implemented.
- Transportation will **not** be provided for any student in the program, including students in special programs.
 - *Students with SPED needs can receive those services in their home district, and Northwest ISD is not obligated to provide this transportation.*
- Limited Open Enrollment is **not planned to include areas where additional staffing is required** – such as opening a new section for a small number of new students or adding more service-based staffing.

These aspects and recommendations are tentative.



PROPOSED APPLICATION WINDOW

February 1

Limited Open Enrollment application period opens.

March 1

Limited Open Enrollment application period closes.

April 1

Deadline for families to be informed of status in Limited Open Enrollment.

April 15

Deadline for families to inform the district of their intent to enroll.

These timelines and recommendations are **tentative**.



CAMPUSES BEING CONSIDERED

Elementary Schools

Beck, Carter, Cox, Granger, Hughes, Lakeview, Nance, Peterson, Roanoke, Sendera Ranch

Middle Schools

Chisholm Trail Middle School, Medlin Middle School, Pike Middle School, Tidwell Middle School

** Students in Limited Open Enrollment elementary schools would feed into their zoned middle schools with the most available capacity and be subject to rezoning.*

High Schools

Northwest High School

** Students in Limited Open Enrollment middle schools would feed into their zoned high schools with the most available capacity and be subject to rezoning.*

** Academies will be separately considered based on their own Limited Open Enrollment capacities.*

These campuses and recommendations are tentative.



NEXT STEPS

- **Additional Feedback:** Soliciting additional feedback from affected principals.
- **Finalize Requirements:** Work with curriculum and school leaders to finalize requirements for program.
- **Form Creation:** Creating an application form and review process for the program.
- **Regulation Update:** Reviewing district regulations and making any necessary changes.
- **Promote Program:** Communicating the program to the public, including online advertisements.



FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

Existing Transfer Processes *Inter- & Intra-District Transfers*

These processes will remain unchanged, such as staff who transfer their students in the district. Both the timelines and stipulations remain the same. This is a separate program.

Capacity Reservations

We will continue to reserve an ample portion of campus seats for students who may move into a school's attendance boundary or staff who join our district and may transfer their students.





THANK YOU!

Questions?