

Ashland City Schools

1407 Claremont Ave./P.O. Box 160, Ashland, Ohio 44805

2026-2027

INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES (Adopted by the Ashland City Board of Education March 23, 2026)

1. Beginning School Year 2026-27, Ashland City Schools will only accept open enrollment applications for students who qualify as outlined below.
2. Current SY 25-26 open enrolled students will keep their status in future years as long as enrollment does not exceed limitations outlined below. Students who are siblings (full, half, adoptive or step) of currently open enrolled students and children of current employed staff members are “grandfathered” into the program to maintain family unification. These families are exempt from open enrollment denial provided the existing student remains in good standing and continues their enrollment for the duration of the application year and enrollment does not exceed the limitation described below.
3. Any application for interdistrict open enrollment involving a student who is a resident of another Ohio school district **must be submitted** to Ashland City Schools between **April 1 and May 1**. Applications submitted prior to April 1 or after May 1 **will not be considered**. Applications will be acted upon by June 15. Parents must indicate acceptance of open enrollment on or before June 20. **One application must be submitted for each student who is requesting an interdistrict transfer.** Applications submitted after the deadline may be considered by the superintendent if a special need exists.
4. Once a student is accepted for interdistrict open enrollment they will maintain their priority (seniority) within their grade level class.*

* Dependent on student compliance with #13 in these guidelines.

5. No interdistrict open enrollment will be permitted if the Ashland City School District enrollment of the grade level or special program being requested exceeds the following:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
K & 1	23*
2	24*
3	25*
4 – 5	27*
6, 7 & 8	850 (AMS)
9 – 12	1300 (AHS)

* Denotes maximum per section established district-wide.

(The Superintendent reserves the right to increase the number of eligible Interdistrict Open Enrollment students within 3 weeks prior to the first day of school.)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
ID, SLI, OI, OHI, SLD, DD, CD & LD K – 8**	8
ID, SLI, OI, OHI, SLD, DD, CD & LD 9 – 12**	12
HI, VI, ED, AU, TBI, DB, MD, MH & ED**	4

** These programs require placement or staffing meetings and approval of the district.

6. No student, once accepted by the Ashland City School District, will be displaced during the school year should enrollment exceed the limits stated above. If a student moves during the school year, they will be permitted to finish the current school year, and may apply for open enrollment in future years.
7. Enrollment in a special program may dictate which building a student must attend. Ashland City is not required to institute any special education program or add any special education unit. If an interdistrict transfer student is evaluated for placement in a special education classroom after the school year opens, representatives of the district of residence will be required to attend the placement meeting. If the student is subsequently placed in an Ashland City unit, the student's placement for the following year will be subject to the requirements of these guidelines during the re-application process in the spring.
8. **All non-resident students must re-apply for the interdistrict open enrollment program each year.**
9. Applicants will be considered on a first come, first serve basis, as determined by the time stamp on the application. **All questions on the application must be answered.**
10. The Ashland City School district will accept no responsibility for the transportation of its resident students to other districts under the interdistrict transfer program.
11. The Ashland City School District will not transport interdistrict open enrollment students from other districts accepted into its school under this program unless the parent or guardian of such a student requests transportation within the bounds of Ashland City School District, with pick-up and drop-off points only at regular school bus stops so designated in accordance with the district's transportation policy. Special circumstances that require exceptions to this for handicapped students, and that are so noted on the student's IEP, will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
12. The Ashland City School District may deny enrollment to the following:
 - a. Students who have been suspended or expelled for ten consecutive days in the current semester or the immediately preceding one;
 - b. Students who are credit deficient and are not on target for graduation;
 - c. Students whose applications are not complete or contain false information;
 - d. Students who require special programming required by their IEP and which is not available in the district;
 - e. Students who have not paid their school fees by the end of the first grading period.
 - f. Any student determined to be habitually truant, missing 12 or more days (72 hours or more), may forfeit the privilege of open enrollment for the following school year.
13. The implementation of the procedures described herein shall give priority to native students (those who reside in the Ashland City School District) in all cases, and shall give previously enrolled interdistrict open enrollment students preference over first-time applicants, except in cases where the district may legitimately deny enrollment upon the re-application of previously enrolled students.
14. The superintendent of a home school district from which a student transfers into the Ashland City School district under this program shall be notified of the student's acceptance.

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