



Open Enrollment Parameters for the 2027-28 School Year

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Board Policy 509 Open Enrollment

- Open Enrollment provides non-resident families the opportunity to attend SoWashCo Schools.
- SoWashCo Schools follows Minnesota statute 124D.03 Enrollment Options Program, in providing this programming option.
- Pursuant to Statute, the School Board may reject or limit applications for enrollment through a Resolution.

Resolution – Limit Open Enrollment

- The number of nonresident students who seek to enroll at any grade level under the Enrollment Options Act may be limited as long as it has reached:
 - 1 % of the total enrollment at that grade level in SoWashCo Schools; or
 - The number of school district resident students at that grade level enrolled in a nonresident school district under the Enrollment Options Act.
- SoWashCo Schools will also reject an application for open enrollment into a program, class, or school building if the capacity of the program, class, or school building has been reached.

Resolution – Defining Capacity



Any relevant information including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Staff-to-student ratios;
2. Current or projected enrollment;
3. Current or projected staffing;
4. The size and other physical attributes of the facility;
5. Recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and the Center for Disease Control;
6. Any applicable social distancing requirements; and
7. Other factors that affect the quality of education.

When a school reaches 100% of their capacity they shall be closed to open enrollment.

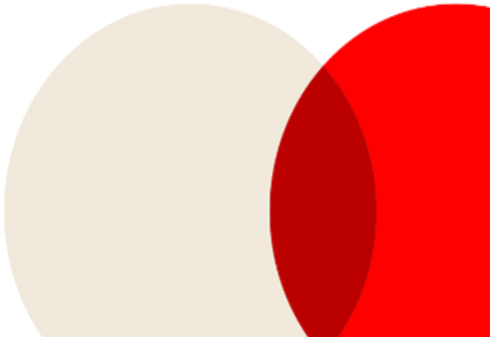
Eligibility Defined

Open Enrollment applications will be approved if:

- Space is available for the applicant under enrollment cap standards; and
- The requested school is under 100% capacity; and
- The number of available spaces for open enrollment of the **grade level** has not reached the lesser of:
 - 1% percent of the total enrollment of the grade level; or
 - The number of school district resident students at that grade level enrolled in a nonresident school district.

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Open Enrollment Timeline

- Applications are accepted **Dec. 1 – Jan. 15 (4 p.m.)**
 - Any applications received after Jan. 15 will receive the next number on the waitlist
 - **Decision letters will be mailed to families by Feb. 15**
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Next Steps

- Approval of the Open Enrollment Resolution at the Oct. 22 School Board Business Meeting
- The resolution allows us to participate in open enrollment with parameters.



Questions?