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2027-2028
OPEN ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES
(6th* – 12th grades)

In addition to 7th-12th secondary students, Basha AMS 6th grade students will use these procedures.

ACP Middle School applications are submitted through an online application process.
See ACP Middle School's website for more information.

Introduction

Open Enrollment enables Arizona students to attend public schools outside their attendance area. In accordance with state law, the District has established an open enrollment policy and implemented an open enrollment program without charging tuition for non-resident students and resident transfer students. Open Enrollment applications are available at all schools, the District Office and online. Open Enrollments may be submitted via email to the secondary school of choice registrar, in person to any secondary school or to the District Office.

Student Definitions

- Non-Resident Student: a student who resides outside of the District's boundaries, but who seeks to enroll in the District.
- Resident Transfer Student: a student who resides in the District, but who seeks to enroll in a school outside of the student's attendance area.

Admission Criteria

The District shall determine if non-resident students and resident transfer students will be admitted in accordance with the following criteria:

- The school, in which the student seeks to enroll has the capacity to serve the student without adversely impacting educational opportunities for resident students attending their resident school. Factors to be considered in making this determination include, but are not limited to the following:
    - Physical capacity of the school building and classrooms.
    - Availability of staff members to service students at each site.
    - Capacity in relevant special programs.
    - Availability of other resources.

- The student's prior status in the educational and juvenile court system, including:
    - Whether the student has been expelled by another school or is in the process of being expelled by any other school.
    - Whether the student is in compliance with any conditions imposed by a juvenile court.

  Failure to disclose the above information on the Open Enrollment application will result in revocation of the student's acceptance for open enrollment.

- The student's admission does not violate the provisions of a court order or agreement of desegregation in the student's resident district.

- Acceptance is on a year-by-year basis and subject to review each year without reapplication if continuing at enrolled site.

Enrollment Priority Groups

In accordance with A.RS. §15-816 and Policy 5-105, the District will give enrollment priority to applicants in the following order, so long as their enrollment can be accomplished in accordance with the District's admission criteria:

1. Resident transfer students who currently attend the school and their siblings
2. Children of employees and previously accepted and enrolled non-resident students
3. Resident transfer students
4. Previously accepted and enrolled non-resident students' siblings
5. Non-resident students

Application Procedures

The student's parent/guardian completes and submits the Open Enrollment application via email to the secondary school of choice registrar or submits the completed paper application to the District Office. The following criteria applies:

- A completed application for each student may be submitted beginning November 4, 2026 beginning at 7:30 am.
- Applications for initial open enrollment acceptance will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, within each enrollment priority group. If program, or service is at capacity based on current enrolled students, a wait list may be generated.
- The parent/legal guardian will be notified of the decision by phone, mail and/or e-mail as promptly as possible upon receipt of an application.

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The District will determine whether the student's admission is in conformity with the admission criteria. Applications may be denied/waitlisted due to school, grade level, or to special program capacity limitations.

Transportation

The District does not transport open enrollment students except as set forth in A.RS. §15-816.

Compliance with Rules

Once students are accepted and attending the school of choice, they must comply with school rules. Excessive absences, tardiness or negligence by the parent/legal guardian in sending the child to school may result in the students' open enrollment being revoked. Failure to comply with school rules is a breach of agreement and a cause for open enrollment revocation. Before revocation for breach of agreement, the principal or designee conducts an informal hearing with the student, parent/legal guardian and other appropriate persons. The principal explains the alleged conduct that violates the rules or regulations. Those rules and regulations may include standards of academic effort, conduct and attendance. Students are given an opportunity to respond. After the hearing, the principal decides if revocation of open enrollment status is appropriate. Providing false information on the application may result in the application being reconsidered. *It is expected that the student on an Open Enrollment remain at the requested school for the entire school year. Cancelling or self-revoking an Open Enrollment requires district approval.*

Grades 9-12 Special Note

Eligibility for athletics and certain extracurricular activities may be affected when students transfer from one school to another. A student considering transferring is advised to discuss his/her situation with the Athletic Director at the site of current enrollment.