

Is there a cost to parents for open enrollment?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled students may be charged the same fees as resident students.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the individualized education program (IEP) for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts *may* provide transportation to open enrollment students if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the student to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.

Can a parent select a specific school in the student's resident school district?

The state's open enrollment program applies only to transfers from one school district to another school district. It is up to each individual school board to decide whether or not to allow transfers from one attendance area to another attendance area in the same school district.

Can an open enrolled student participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled students have the same rights and responsibilities as resident students.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (*WIAA*), which has recently adopted new rules concerning transfer students. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

Important open enrollment dates

February 6-24, 2012 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

April 6, 2012 – School district notices of approval or denial must be mailed. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

May 18, 2012 – School districts must notify parents of accepted applicants of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned.

June 8, 2012 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2012-13 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.



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In Wisconsin Public Schools

(Information for Parents)

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