



Overview of Wisconsin's Open Enrollment process for the 2025-2026 school year

What is Open Enrollment?

- **Definition:** Wisconsin's Open Enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public schools in districts other than the one in which they reside, without any tuition cost.

Key Dates:

- **Application Period:** Begins on **February 5, 2025**, and ends on **April 30, 2025**.
- **Notification:** Families will be notified of acceptance or denial by **June 5, 2025**.

Eligibility:

- **Grades:** Open to students from **4K through 12th grade**.
- **Special Education:** Students requiring special education services can apply, but acceptance depends on the availability of appropriate programs in the desired district.

Application Process:

1. **Online Application:** Submit applications through the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) online portal during the application period. [Link](#)
2. **Multiple Applications:** Parents can apply to up to **three non-resident school districts** for each child.
3. **Late Applications:** Late submissions are generally not accepted, so it's crucial to apply within the designated timeframe.

Transportation:

- **Responsibility:** Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the non-resident school.
- **Assistance:** Limited transportation assistance may be available for low-income families.



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Considerations:

- **Space Availability:** Acceptance is based on space availability in the desired grade and programs.
- **Special Education Needs:** Districts will consider whether they have the necessary resources
- to meet the applicant's special education requirements.
- **Athletic Eligibility:** Transferring students may face restrictions on athletic participation, as governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

How to Apply:

- **DPI Website:** Visit the DPI's Open Enrollment page to access the online application and for more detailed information. [Link](#)
- **Contact Information:** For questions or assistance, contact the DPI's Open Enrollment team at (888) 245-2732 or email openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov.

Important Note:

- **Stay Informed:** Policies and procedures can change, so it's advisable to consult the DPI's official resources or your local school district for the most current information.

Important Links:

Open Enrollment > **CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE** > [Link](#)

Instructions on how to fill out the ONLINE application: [Link](#)

Open Enrollment PDF Fill-Enabled Applications:

- English: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/forms/pdf/f9410.pdf>
- Spanish: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/forms/pdf/f9410-spanish.pdf>
- Hmong: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/forms/pdf/f9410-hmong.pdf>