

Open Enrollment / School of Choice

May I enroll my child(ren) at a school that my residence is not zoned for?

You may apply for Open Enrollment during the timeframe of May 1 - May 15 for the following school year. Open Enrollment may be approved only if space is available at the requested school. Open Enrollment is decided by a random, unbiased, lottery-style drawing. The drawing will be held during the week prior to the start of each school year.

How do I apply for Open Enrollment?

Request for Open Enrollment Transfer Forms will be posted on the District website May 1 - May 15. Request Forms are submitted electronically through an online platform. Applications will not be accepted after May 15. Late applicants shall not be added to a waiting list but shall instead wait for a subsequent lottery.

Your student MUST already be enrolled in a Sierra Sands school or have a complete incoming enrollment for their zoned school before an Open Enrollment Transfer Request can be submitted.

The student for which the Intradistrict Open Enrollment Request is made must have submitted an enrollment packet with ALL of the required supporting documentation included before the Intradistrict Open Enrollment Request will be considered.

Sierra Sands Unified School District Board Policy 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment, provides a window of opportunity from May 1- May 15 each year for parents to request attendance at a school of their choice for the following school year.

Intradistrict Open Enrollment Conditions:

- 1. The Superintendent or designee shall determine the capacity of each district school and establish a random, unbiased selection process (lottery).*
- 2. The district will NOT provide transportation outside the school's established attendance area.*
- 3. No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student.*

Once approved for Open Enrollment, a student shall not have to apply for an Open Enrollment Transfer Request in subsequent years but may be subject to displacement due to excessive enrollment at the requested school.

I've turned in an Open Enrollment application. When will I know if my Open Enrollment request was approved?

The actual space available at each grade level at each school cannot be determined until students arrive at school. As stated on the open enrollment form, transferring students cannot

displace students who live in a school's attendance area. District administration along with principals will begin meeting during the week prior to the start of school to determine if there are any available spots for open enrollment requests. Should there be room for your student, school personnel will contact you.

I've applied for Open Enrollment, which school does my student report to?

Please report to your zoned school on the first day of school unless otherwise contacted by school personnel.

You must be registered and attending school in order for us to process your open enrollment request. Every effort will be made to accommodate as many transfer requests as possible. Since students living in a school's attendance area must be accommodated prior to accepting transfers, the number of requests that can be granted may be limited.

Rest assured that regardless of where your child attends school, the Sierra Sands Unified School District staff is dedicated to providing the best education possible to each of our students.

The placement of approved transfers will end 10 days after the start of each school year. No applicant lists will be maintained after this date.