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Open Enrollment FAQs

What is open enrollment?

Open enrollment is a policy that is adopted and implemented by a school district governing board to allow students to enroll in any school within the school district, and to allow students to enroll in any other school districts in this state, pursuant to section 15-816.01.

How can I apply for open enrollment?

Parents may submit a completed open enrollment application for the next school year to their school of choice. The open enrollment application may be downloaded from the TUHSD district website (www.tuhsd.org; click on “Helpful Links”). Open enrollment applications may also be obtained at any TUHSD school. New students to the district should complete enrollment paperwork online and complete the open enrollment application within the online registration process.

Is there a deadline to apply for the next school year?

Applications are due on or before March 1.

Do all TUHSD schools participate?

Yes, except for school(s) that have reached capacity. The District website contains each school's capacity and lists whether the school is currently accepting open enrollment students. The information is updated at least once every twelve (12) weeks, unless there are no changes to report for the individual school. Each school has separate capacity by specialized program. The information required pursuant to this subsection shall also be posted by specialized program. Schools shall accept pupils throughout the school year as capacity allows.

My child is currently attending a TUHSD school under open enrollment. Do I need to reapply for the following school year?

Yes. Students currently attending under open enrollment need to reapply each year for the following school year. Applications for continuing students will be made available at your child's school December 1 and must be completed and returned to the school's Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction on or before March 1.

Once I have submitted the application, when will I receive notice of my child's status?

Parents will receive written notification by mail of the outcome of their application on or before May 1. Applications received after the open enrollment period has ended will be accepted and placed on a waiting list pending the availability of capacity, or rejected.

Can my child's open enrollment status be revoked once granted?

Once a student is granted open enrollment, this enrollment will continue each year that the student applies. A school district may refuse to admit any pupil who has been expelled from another educational institution or who is in the process of being expelled from another educational institution.

Is bus transportation provided for open enrollment students?

A resident transfer student is eligible for District transportation on routes within the attendance boundaries of the school to which the student has been accepted for open enrollment transfer. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians of the resident transfer student to have the student at a designated pickup point within the receiving school's transportation area.

Nonresident open enrollment students are eligible for District transportation from a designated pickup point on a bus route serving the attendance area of the school to which the student has been admitted, or as may be otherwise determined by the District.

Will my open enrollment student be able to play high school sports?

Students enrolling under the open enrollment process may not be eligible for participation in Arizona Interscholastic Association events. Interested students and parents should contact the Assistant Principal for Athletics at the school they wish to attend for more information.

What happens if we originally resided in a TUHSD school's attendance boundary and then moved outside of the school's boundary?

A student currently attending a TUHSD school who lives in that boundary and then moves out of the school's boundary will be permitted to stay, as long as an application is received each year before March 1.