

OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Parents/guardians considering the use of an open enrollment option to enroll their children in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

The deadline for applying for open enrollment is **March 1** of the school year preceding the school year for which open enrollment is requested, unless the pupil is entering kindergarten or "good cause" exists.

The deadline for applying for open enrollment for kindergarten is **September 1**. *Iowa Code section 281-17.3(2)*.

Applications from parents who miss the March 1 deadline and have good cause must be approved for open enrollment under the new rule changes. The Administration Office will have a copy of the definition of "good cause."

If open enrollment is denied, the parent/guardian may appeal to Iowa District Court. If the application meets good cause due to alleged repeated acts of harassment or if the child is alleged to have a serious health condition that the resident district cannot adequately address, an appeal may be filed with the Iowa State Board of Education.

Secondary open enrolled students may need to check with their school offices to verify athletic eligibility requirements.

Parents/guardians of open enrolled students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a stipend.

For the required open enrollment forms, please access the Department of Education web site at <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/options-educational-choice/open-enrollment>

If you have any questions, you may also contact the Central DeWitt CSD Administration Center at 563-659-0700.