

OPEN ENROLLMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BASIC INFORMATION

- 1. What is Open Enrollment?** Open Enrollment provides parents of CCSD students with another choice. Schools with available seats in Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be advertised for the purpose of allowing parents/guardians of students who do not reside in the attendance zones to express interest in enrolling their child(ren) there.
- 2. Why is CCSD proceeding with Open Enrollment?** CCSD has a strong belief that when students and their parents/guardians have choices with regard to the selection of a school, they will be more engaged and ultimately students will be more successful. While the vast majority of CCSD families are satisfied with their neighborhood schools, some families believe that a different school may more readily match the needs of their child(ren).
- 3. Is transportation provided for my child if they attend an Open Enrollment school?** No, CCSD transportation will not be provided for students attending school on Open Enrollment.
- 4. If my child is selected to attend an Open Enrollment school, does he/she have to attend?** Yes, once the child(ren) enrolls through Open Enrollment, the family is committed to remain at that school for at least one school year.
- 5. My child was selected to attend a school with Open Enrollment, are his/her siblings also allowed to attend?** No, each individual student must submit an Open Enrollment Interest Form to be considered for enrollment.
- 6. Are students allowed to participate in sports and/or other school activities at Open Enrollment schools?** Yes. A student who enrolls in an Open Enrollment school is eligible to participate in student athletics. If a student returns to his/her zoned school or makes any other subsequent changes in enrollment, he/she would be ineligible for the remainder of that school year and for 180 school days in any sport in which his/her name appeared on a NIAA (Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association) roster during his/her attendance at the Open Enrollment school.
- 7. Can my child re-apply to another school in the following year?** Yes. Students/families may submit an application for a different school during the next year's application process.
- 8. If my child is selected to attend an Open Enrollment elementary school, is he/she automatically zoned for that neighborhood's corresponding middle and high schools?** No, the child is only eligible to attend the elementary school through grade 5. Beyond 5th grade, the parent/guardian would need to submit another Open Enrollment Interest Form to attend the feeder middle school, if seats are available.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

- 9. Where can I apply for Open Enrollment?** The Open Enrollment Application may be found online at itsyourchoice.ccsd.net under the Open Enrollment link.
- 10. I submitted my child's Open Enrollment application early; why was my child not selected to attend the school he/she expressed interest in?** Open Enrollment applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Once a parent/guardian receives the approval letter, they are asked to respond by email within fourteen (14) calendar days that they are accepting Open Enrollment.
- 11. When will I know if my child is selected to attend the school for which we submitted an application?** Parents/guardians will be notified by email as to the status of their application as soon as the application has been processed.
- 12. How many schools can I express interest in?** A parent/guardian may express interest in one (1) school per child. If that application is not approved, you may apply for another school.
- 13. What is the deadline to apply for Open Enrollment?** Specific dates are determined each year between April and July.
- 14. Do I have to re-submit an Application for Open Enrollment every school year?** No, students selected to attend a school through Open Enrollment may remain at the school through the final grade served at the school. Open Enrollment does not provide for students to be promoted from one level of school to another (e.g. elementary to feeder middle school).
- 15. If my child is currently attending a school on a zone variance, do I need to continue to apply for a zone variance or submit an application for Open Enrollment?** The zone variance must be applied for each year and is processed by the school's administration. If seats are available at your child's school, it is strongly suggested that you submit an Open Enrollment Interest Form which, if approved, is valid until the child completes his/her last year at that school.
- 16. My child applied for a magnet program; could we also apply for Open Enrollment in case we do not get selected for the magnet program?** Career and Technical Academies (CTAs) and Magnet schools accept applications between October and January. Students selected to attend magnet programs/schools go through a different selection process and should be notified by mid-March. Parents/Guardians should not apply for Open Enrollment until notified by the CTA/Magnet/Select school that they have been accepted.
- 17. How will class size be impacted by Open Enrollment?** Class size should not be impacted by Open Enrollment as schools will only participate based on the number of open seats after a thorough review of their building capacity and projected student enrollment.

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18. Can I choose my child's teachers or classroom? No, however, parents/guardians are always encouraged to visit with their children's school personnel to make them aware of their children's educational needs.

19. Will my zoned school be over-or under-populated? No, Open Enrollment is not expected to cause a neighborhood school to become over-or under-populated. As with any of our schools, unanticipated growth in a neighborhood can contribute to a school's enrollment going beyond projections.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

20. My child receives special education services, is he/she eligible for Open Enrollment? Yes, students with disabilities are eligible for Open Enrollment where space and required programs are available.

21. My child is enrolled in the English Language Learner program, is he/she eligible to apply for Open Enrollment? Yes.

Questions regarding Open Enrollment may be sent by email to OpenEnroll@nv.ccsd.net or call the Demographics, Zoning and GIS Department at 702-799-6430.