

NOTES FROM SCHOOL
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WISCONSIN PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT
Full-Time Inter-District Open Enrollment in Wisconsin Public Schools
2016-2017 School Year
Information for Parents
Part II

This article is part two of a two-part series on basic information on the Full-Time Inter-District Open Enrollment program in Wisconsin Public Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. If you should have any additional questions, please contact Shelly Teigen in the District Office at 926-3684, visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Open Enrollment website, or contact the Director of the Wisconsin Public Open Enrollment Program at the following address:

Website Address:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

Address/Phone:
Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
PO Box 7841
Madison WI 53707-7841
1-888-245-2732

We will have a link to the DPI website on the School District of Mondovi Homepage.

Please feel free to contact a building principal (Mr. Paul Franzwa – Early Childhood through Grade 5 at 926-3645, and Mr. Michael Bruning – Grades 6-12 at 926-3656) or myself at 926-3684 should you have any questions about our schools and educational programs. We would be happy to provide information about the Mondovi School District, the elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school programs and provide a guided tour of our facilities.

May parents appeal if their applications are denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days after receiving the notice of denial. Late appeals cannot be accepted. The statutes require the DPI to uphold a school district's decision unless the DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decisions may be appealed to circuit court.

Must students reapply every year?

Once a student is accepted into the nonresident school district, the student may continue to attend the district without having to reapply every year, with three exceptions:

- The nonresident district may require each student to reapply one time and one time only—at the beginning of middle school, junior high school, or high school. **The School District of Mondovi does not require reapplication for open enrollment at any grade level.**
- A student may be returned to the resident district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or if there is no space.

- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

A student who is attending a nonresident school district under open enrollment may return to her or his resident school district at any time, by notifying both school districts that the student will be returning. However, once the student returns to the resident district, the student may not go back to the nonresident district unless the student reapplies during the next February application period. (Students should be aware that returning to the resident district may affect their eligibility for inter-scholastic athletics.)

Is there a cost to parents for participating in open enrollment?

There is no tuition cost to parents for their childrens’ participation in open enrollment. Instead, a per student amount will “follow” the student from the resident school district to the nonresident school district. Parents of open enrollment students may be charged the same fees as resident students (for example: book fees, towel fees, extra-curricular activity fees).

Parents are strongly encouraged to apply online.
<http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT

- Feb 1-April 29, 2016** Parents must apply to the nonresident school districts during this time period but not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016. (A postmark does not meet this requirement. The time period may not be extended for any purpose.)
- June 10, 2016** By this date, school districts must notify parents of acceptance or rejection of application. Parents may appeal a rejection within 30 days of receiving the notice of denial.
- June 17, 2016** By this date, school districts must notify parents of accepted applicants of the school or program to which the student is assigned.
- June 24, 2016** Parents of accepted applicants must notify nonresident school districts whether the student will attend the nonresident school district in the 2016-2017 school year. (If the parent fails to make this notification, the student may not participate in open enrollment)