

Modesto City Schools

Open Enrollment

State law requires that California school districts offer open enrollment opportunities to parents within certain guidelines. The District first offered the Open Enrollment during school year 1995/96. Open Enrollment will be offered to parents every year, at the start of each school year.

The information below reflects the guidelines within the law allowing parents to enroll their children in District schools with available space, so long as certain requirements are met.

What is Open Enrollment?

State law provides the parents (guardians) of each schoolage child who is a resident of the school district the opportunity to select the school the child will attend.

Which schools are identified as Open Enrollment Schools?

Open Enrollment Schools are determined according to individual school capacities. Schools which have space available for additional students are identified. Space availability depends upon:

- District growth patterns;
- the physical capacity of the school (based on the number of classrooms and seats at standard capacity);
- the school's current racial/ethnic make-up;
- staffing allocations at the school (the law does not require that school districts add teachers to accommodate Open Enrollment transfers).

Under what conditions are students accepted into Open Enrollment Schools?

Acceptance is based on:

- The school must have space without displacing students currently living within the school's attendance area;
- The District must be able to maintain a reasonable racial/ethnic balance among schools.

Who can participate in Open Enrollment?

Any student who lives within District boundaries.

How do parents apply to take part in Open Enrollment?

Interested parents can complete an application form and return it to the Office of Child Welfare & Attendance according to the established timeline (See Open Enrollment Calendar on page 36 of Student Information Handbook).

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Will Open Enrollment affect students already on approved intra/inter-district permits?

No. Students attending school on intra/inter-district permits will not be displaced through Open Enrollment.

What about siblings?

The lottery drawing selects for an entire family, not just one student in the family. Placement of siblings, who will be enrolling in the future in the Open Enrollment School will be given first priority. However, their placement will depend upon available space.

When do parents register their children for Open Enrollment?

For the 2011/2012 school year, Parents are asked to submit Open Enrollment applications by December 2, 2010. If selected, students must register in the Open Enrollment School by May 5, 2011.

Do students selected for Open Enrollment need to apply to stay at their Open Enrollment School every year?

No. Once accepted, students are considered residents of their Open Enrollment School. They need only apply for Open Enrollment at the next level (junior high school/middle school and high school).

Will transportation be provided for Open Enrollment students?

No. A parent who transfers a child to an Open Enrollment School is responsible for transportation.

What about special education students?

When special education students are attending special classes and/or receiving specialized services, it is recommended that their families consult with the student's IEP team or program specialist before applying for Open Enrollment.

Can students return to their original school after transferring to an Open Enrollment School?

Yes, If there is space available and student returns at the trimester (k-6) or the semester (7-12)

Instructions:

1. **Complete all sections of this form.** Missing information could result in your application being disqualified. Please print in ink or type.
2. Complete ONE application PER SCHOOL REQUESTED ("School of Choice").
3. Return this application (in person or by mail) by **December 2, 2010** to: **Modesto City Schools, Child Welfare & Attendance, 426 Locust Street, Modesto, CA 95351-2699**

If you are interested in participating in Open Enrollment, complete the Modesto City Schools Open Enrollment Application. Return the form by December 2, 2010, by mail, or in person, to:

***Modesto City Schools
Child Welfare & Attendance
426 Locust Street, Modesto, CA 95351***

Open Enrollment Application Dates for 2011/2012 school year

December 2, 2010:

Open Enrollment application deadline for 2011/2012 school year. Interested parents need to submit Open Enrollment applications to the Office of Child Welfare & Attendance.

January 18, 2011:

Board of Education approval of school capacities for 2011/2012 school year. Open Enrollment Schools are identified.

February, 2011:

Parents whose applications are selected through the lottery process for Open Enrollment are notified of approval or of placement on a waiting list.

May 5, 2011:

Deadline for parents whose applications have been selected for Open Enrollment to register their children at their Open Enrollment School for the 2011/2012 school year.

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NOTE: The only schools accepting applications for Open Enrollment for the 2011/2012 school year are **Beard, El Vista, Everett, Garrison, James Marshall, Robertson Road Elementary Schools for grades 4-6 only Hanshaw Middle School, Beyer High School and Downey High School.**

SCHOOL OF CHOICE _____

Are any of your children already attending the School of Choice? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, are any of your children on an Intradistrict Transfer or Open Enrollment? Yes _____ No _____

Student Name: _____ Grade next year: _____ Resident School: _____
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Parent/Guardian Name (s): _____
Last First MI

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone; Home Phone () _____ Daytime Phone () _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

REMINDER: This form must be received by the Child Welfare & Attendance Office (see address above) by December 2, 2010, to be eligible for Open Enrollment.

To be completed by CWA Office:

Approved _____ Disqualified _____

Not selected through lottery Notified _____