

Open Enrollment

Purpose

Pursuant to RSA 194-D and voter authorization, the Pittsfield School District shall participate in New Hampshire's Open Enrollment Program as a receiving district.

The Pittsfield School District shall accept applications from nonresident students in accordance with this policy and applicable law.

The Pittsfield School District shall not participate as a sending district through Open Enrollment. Resident students shall not be eligible to enroll in another school district through the Pittsfield School District's participation in Open Enrollment.

Annual Capacity Determination

At its regularly scheduled June meeting, the School Board shall determine the number of Open Enrollment seats available for the upcoming school year.

In establishing available seats, the Board shall consider:

- Projected resident enrollment;
- Staffing levels;
- Program capacity;
- Facility limitations;
- Fiscal impact on the District;
- Any other factors deemed relevant by the Board.

Resident students shall receive priority for enrollment at all times.

No Open Enrollment student shall be admitted if doing so would require the addition of staff, classrooms, facilities, or educational programming not otherwise required for resident students.

Eligibility

Any student who resides within the State of New Hampshire and is otherwise eligible to attend a public school may apply for admission under Open Enrollment.

Admissions

Applications shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee on forms approved by the District.

If the number of applications received does not exceed available capacity, all eligible applicants shall be admitted.

If applications exceed available capacity:

1. Remaining applicants shall be selected through a random lottery process.
2. Applicants not admitted shall be placed on a waitlist.

Non-Discrimination

The District shall not discriminate in admissions on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or any other protected classification.

Transportation

Transportation shall be the responsibility of the parent or guardian except as otherwise required by law.

Special Education

Acceptance shall not be denied solely because a student requires special education services or accommodations under federal or state law.

Appeals

A parent or guardian may appeal an admission decision to the Superintendent within ten (10) business days of notification.

The Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the School Board, whose decision shall be final.

District Policy History:

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Legal References Disclaimer: *These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

NH Statutes

RSA 194-D

Description

Open Enrollment Schools