



# Statewide Enrollment Options Form

## Required form for all Minnesota school districts

**Section 1: To be completed by one or both of the student’s parents or guardians**

### Student information:

Student Name: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student’s resident school district name:** \_\_\_\_\_

District #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

**District of choice (non-resident school district) name:** \_\_\_\_\_

District #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student’s current grade level:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level Desired:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Desired Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please rank the schools in the non-resident district that serve the desired grade level, in order of preference:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Situations

- Sibling preference: student has a sibling currently open-enrolled in this non-resident district.
- Employee child preference: Student has parent or legal guardian who is a Minnesota resident who is an employee of the non-resident district.
- Family move: The student’s resident district changed after December 1 prior to the school year requested, waiving deadlines.
- Student is currently expelled under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.45 for a reason listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, Subdivision 1, which allows but does not require the nonresident district to deny the application.
- Student is a resident of City of Shakopee but the resident school district for the student’s Shakopee home is not Shakopee Public Schools. Student seeks enrollment in Shakopee Public Schools.

**Minnesota parent/guardian:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical signature of parent/guardian is required:**

I hereby verify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of parent/legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2: To be completed by the non-resident district**

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the January 15 deadline apply?  Yes  No, because:

One or both districts receive Achievement and Integration funding from MDE.

Family moved to resident district on December 1 or later.

**APPROVED**

On the basis of information provided in the above application, and with respect to district policies and procedures, the above student will be assigned to:

School Building Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT APPROVED**

The non-resident district has denied the request for open enrollment because of the following reason(s) allowed in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03. Check all that apply.

The January 15 deadline applies and was not met; situations that would have waived the deadline are not present. See Statewide Enrollment Options Instructions or Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, subdivision 3.

Statutory enrollment cap has been reached. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd.2)

Grade is closed district-wide by board action. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 2 and subd.6)

District has denied the application because of specific expulsion reasons allowed in law. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd.1)

**NON-RESIDENT DISTRICT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Statewide Enrollment Options Instructions

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS:** Kindergarten through 12th-grade students (including 12th grade transition services) may apply to attend a public school outside of their resident district (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03) as long as the parent or legal guardian is currently living in Minnesota and the student is requesting to attend a regular Minnesota public school district. This Enrollment Options Program is not for inter-state transfers, Minnesota charter schools, or enrollment into a Minnesota alternative school for at-risk students. Use one application form per student per requested district. Complete and sign Section 1 of the Statewide Enrollment Options Form and send to the non-resident district's superintendent's office. Please do not send the form to the Minnesota Department of Education.

**General age requirements are ages 5-21 (without high school diploma).** Age 5 is by September 1 of enrollment year. Only use this form for early entrance to kindergarten if you have already received approval from the nonresident district to an early enrollment for your child. **A separate Enrollment Options Form is available for families seeking to enroll their child in an Early Childhood Special Education program or state-funded voluntary pre-kindergarten.**

**Deadline.** Applications must be sent to the non-resident district by January 15 in order to enroll in the following school year, unless:

- One or both districts has a Minnesota Department of Education Achievement and Integration plan, in which case there is no deadline and enrollment may begin at any time after notification of acceptance. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 4);
- OR, the student moved into the resident district on or later than December 1. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 7);
- OR, other unusual situations apply under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, subdivision 7.

**Acceptance or denial of open enrollment cannot be based** on previous academic achievement, athletic or other extracurricular ability, disabling conditions, proficiency in the English language, previous disciplinary proceedings or the student's district of residence unless the resident district and non-resident district are working together in an MDE- approved Achievement and Integration School Choice Program. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 6.) or the enrollment involves city of Shakopee residents whose resident district is not Shakopee Public Schools.

**Families may indicate their preferences** for school sites or programs within the district; if unavailable, districts will offer options in the family's stated order of preference at other sites unless the grade level or open enrollment has been closed by board action. Families may apply in more than one district. Use one form per child per district.

**Do not disclose specific special needs** of students on the Statewide Enrollment Options Form; provide this information after an enrollment spot is offered.

**Currently expelled students:** Non-resident districts may, but are not required to, reject applications from students currently expelled as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.45, and Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, subdivision 1.

**Notice of decision on the application:** You can expect to receive an approval or disapproval from the non-resident district by February 15, or, when applying through the waived deadlines for Achievement and Integration districts, 90 days after applying for the current or upcoming school year. (Do not apply for statewide enrollment options further in advance than for the upcoming school year.)

**Lotteries:** School districts that have more applications than they can accommodate must hold lotteries to determine which students will receive spots. Before a general lottery, a priority lottery must be held for siblings of currently open-enrolled students, students who are part of a Minnesota Department of Education approved Achievement and Integration plan, children of district employees who are

Minnesota residents, and students who live in the City of Shakopee but whose resident school district is not Shakopee Public Schools and seek attendance there. Statewide Enrollment Options lottery procedures must be approved by local school board and posted on the school district website.

**If the non-resident district notifies you that your application has been accepted:**

**Notify the non-resident district as to whether you are accepting the offer of enrollment by March 1, or, if you applied under a no-deadline situation, 45 days after notification.** The non-resident district must notify the resident district that your student is changing enrollment by March 15 (or 30 days after notice from you that you are accepting the enrollment if the January 15 deadline did not apply). **Visit the non-resident district office at least 10 days before the above starting date to complete all enrollment forms.**

**Parents or guardians of students with special needs:** please contact the district about creating an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team as soon as possible after accepting an offer of enrollment in a non-resident district.

**Transportation:** The school district will give you information regarding transportation if you request it from a bus stop in that district. (Minn. Stat. § 123B.88, subd. 6; Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 8)

**Obligation to attend at least one year.** By accepting an enrollment options offer, your student is obligated to attend the non-resident district during the upcoming school year. You do not need to reapply in subsequent years for your student to remain enrolled unless you move out of your current district. If you move into another Minnesota non-resident school district, the student does not lose the seat but you do need to submit an updated Enrollment Options Form. Note: You do need to apply again for siblings but the siblings must be given a preference if open enrollments requests exceed available seats.

**Notify your resident district if you seek to return:** To return to your resident district after one year in the new district, notify your resident district that you are returning by January 15 for the following fall.

**If your application was denied, districts:**

- (1) Must indicate the provision in state law that applied.
- (2) Must report denied applications to the Minnesota Department of Education by July 15.
- (3) May inform you that your application was rejected because you missed the January 15 deadline. In this case, you can ask your resident district to form a non-resident agreement with the non-resident district for the upcoming year and such an agreement may be able to roll into a regular open enrollment for subsequent years. Districts are not required to enter into nonresident agreements.