

Secondary Education (7th – 12th)

Open Enrollment Q&A

Q: What is open enrollment?

A. Open enrollment is an option that permits students living in one attendance area within EGUSD to attend a school in another attendance area within the EGUSD.

Q: Is open enrollment available at all EGUSD schools?

A. No. Open enrollment is only available at middle (7-8th) and high schools (9-12th) that have been identified as having capacity to enroll students who do not live in their attendance boundary. Each year district personnel review enrollment projections at all schools. Based on this review, the Board of Education will make a determination as to which schools will offer open enrollment for the following school year.

Q: Which schools are available for open enrollment this year?

A. For the 2026-2027 school year, the Elk Grove Unified School District will offer open enrollment at five middle schools: Harriet Eddy, Edward Harris, Jr., Samuel Jackman, Joseph Kerr, and James Rutter; and at six high schools: Cosumnes Oaks, Elk Grove, Florin, Laguna Creek, Sheldon, and Valley.

Q: What is the timeline to apply for open enrollment?

A. Requests can be made **only** via ParentVUE starting with **Step 1**, Wednesday, January 7, 2026, through 5:00 pm Friday, January 16, 2026. If granted into the requested school, **Step 2** will need to be completed to lock in the selection. **Step 2** will run, Monday, February 2, 2026, through Tuesday, February 10, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

Q: Are there any criteria for open enrollment?

A. Students and their parents/guardians must reside in the district boundaries as of January 1 of the year that they request an open enrollment transfer. Open Enrollment is not offered to out-of-district students. Parents will need to be added to ParentVUE to apply.

Q: I understand there is a 5 percent cap on the number of students from a school attendance area permitted to transfer through open enrollment. What does that mean?

A. The cap is 5 percent of the school's projected enrollment. Allowing the number of students to transfer from a school attendance area through the 2026-2027 open enrollment process.

Q: Are all schools subject to the cap?

A. Yes.

Q: Do students attending a school through open enrollment have to reapply each year?

A. No. Once enrolled in the school, students **do not** have to reapply each year for that school. **However**, should middle school students wish to attend the feeder high school, they **must** apply through the open enrollment process at that time if the feeder high school is accepting open enrollment applications. Middle school students **do not matriculate** to the feeder high school.

Questions about open enrollment can be directed to the Secondary Education Department via email at 7-12Ed@egusd.net