

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
INTER-DISTRICT
OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY**

The Eastern Local District Board of Education resolves to permit the enrollment of students, admitted under Section 3313.98 of the Ohio Revised Code, tuition free from all Ohio districts subject to the policies, rules, regulations and conditions contained hereafter:

1. This resolution permitting interdistrict enrollment shall be effective July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2024, renewable on an annual basis at the Board's discretion.
2. Students/parents accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program shall be accepted for one school year.
3. Native students (school age residents of the Eastern Local School District) shall have priority to all programs, building and grade levels over interdistrict open enrollment applicants.
4. Children of employees admitted by board policy shall have priority over interdistrict open enrollment applicants.
5. The Eastern Local School District shall not be required to create or add any education programs or units to serve interdistrict open enrollment students. Acceptance of special education students under open enrollment shall be determined by program numbers and based on student-teacher ratios per building. In grades K-8 an intervention specialist can have a caseload of 16 students. Once that caseload, per teacher, reaches 12 no more open enrollment students will be accepted to leave space for in-district referrals. In grades 9-12 an intervention specialist can have a caseload of 24 students. Once that caseload, per teacher, reaches 22 students no more open enrollment students will be accepted to leave space for in-district referrals.
6. Any student accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program who is a special education student shall be required to attend the school within the district where services specified in the student's IEP are currently available.
7. If the Board of Education elects to renew this policy for the 2023-2024 school year, any student/parents who were accepted into the completed 2022-2023 school year in the Eastern Local School District under the interdistrict open-enrollment program have priority over new interdistrict open enrollment program applicants provided they meet the other eligibility requirements of the policy.

8. No student shall be accepted into the Eastern Local School District under the District open enrollment program who has been suspended or expelled from school for at least 10 consecutive days in the current semester or the immediately preceding semester.

In addition, no student shall be accepted into the Eastern Local School District under the interdistrict open enrollment program who has been convicted and or ruled a delinquent child for committing any of the crimes listed below:

- a. Conveying deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance.
- b. Possessing deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance.
- c. Carrying a concealed weapon on school property or at a school function.
- d. Trafficking in drugs.
- e. Murder or aggravated murder.
- f. Voluntary or involuntary manslaughter.
- g. Assault or aggravated assault.
- h. Rape, gross sexual imposition or felonious sexual penetration.
- i. Complicity in any of the above offenses.

9. The Eastern Local School District shall provide transportation on a space available basis to any student accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program just as it does to any and all students with the district. Interdistrict open enrollment program students must provide their own transportation to a bus stop within the Eastern Local School District (designated by the transportation supervisor).

10. It is the responsibility of each student/parent who is accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program and who desires to participate in interscholastic athletic competition to take all necessary steps and present evidence of such to the superintendent of schools that they have met all standard/eligibility criteria of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Any enrolled inter-district students who are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics and have been released by their home district are to be informed they could lose their eligibility for an entire year if or when they return to the home district. Students and parents are encouraged to become aware of and consider the OHSAA athletic eligibility guidelines before making an application for interdistrict open enrollment.

11. In order for an open enrollment candidate to be accepted into the Eastern Local District under this policy, the District must have available space and teachers(s) for the applicant.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The following shall be the process for obtaining and approving applications to the open enrollment program:

1. Parents of students wanting to enroll in the interdistrict open enrollment program must submit a completed written application and have it on file in the superintendent's office. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1 OF THE REQUESTED SCHOOL YEAR.
2. Parents of students accepted into the interdistrict open enrollment program shall be notified by letter postmarked no later than August 10, 2023. All decisions granting acceptance into the program shall be final.