

Open Enrollment

State law requires that California school districts offer Open Enrollment opportunities to parents within certain guidelines. The District first offered Open Enrollment during the 1995/96 school year. Open Enrollment will be offered to parents every 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 school-age 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.

How are students selected for Open Enrollment? A lottery drawing is held from the applicant pool — a random, unbiased process that prohibits an evaluation of whether a student should be enrolled based upon academic or athletic performance.

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 2018/2019 school year, parents are asked to submit Open Enrollment applications by November 22, 2017. If selected, students must register in the Open Enrollment School by February 23, 2018.

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.

Can students return to their original school after transferring to an Open Enrollment School? Yes, if there is space available and the student returns at the semester.

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 manager before applying for Open Enrollment.

School Program Descriptions for Open Enrollment: State law asks school districts to provide information about special programs offered at each school within the District. Open Enrollment schools and the special programs offered at each site are listed on the next page.

Please note: Open Enrollment at elementary sites is for grades 4-6 only.

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ELIHU BEARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Student of the Month
- Before School/After School Tutoring
- PTA
- Band, Chorus, Library, Computer Lab
- Character Education/Caught Being Good
- Special Education Services
- Perfect Attendance Incentives/Recognition
- Your Voice Counts Parent Meetings
- Multicultural Events
- Mentoring Program

EL VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- School-Wide Title I
- Character Education
- Chorus, Music, Library, Computer Lab
- Special Education Services
- Student Council
- Student of the Month Recognition
- Positive Behavior Plan
- Perfect Attendance Incentives
- 2nd Cup of Coffee
- Parent Club

ROBERTSON ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Super Stars
- Chorus
- Attendance Incentives
- 2nd Cup of Coffee
- Family Learning Center
- Healthy Start
- Robertson Road Children's Center
- Golden Valley Clinic
- Traffic Patrol (4th-6th)
- Student Council (4th-6th)

EVELYN HANSHAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

- AVID
- GATE Program
- Character Education
- Gateway/Trio Tutoring
- Golden Valley Clinic
- Healthy Start Family Resources
- Response to Intervention Academy
- Computer Programming
- Dual Language Academy

FRED C. BEYER HIGH SCHOOL

- Before and After School Academic Tutoring
- Engineering & Robotics Pathway
- Afterschool Championship-level Robotics Teams
- Championship-level Marching Band and Color Guard
- Extensive Advance Placement offerings
- Agricultural Small Engines Team
- Award Winning Speech, Mock Trial, and Academic Decathlon Programs
- Renaissance Incentive Program
- German I-IV
- Plant and Animal Science
- Champion-level Boys' Basketball Program
- Link Crew
- Booster Clubs: Renaissance, Band, Robotics, Athletics

GRACE M. DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL

- Year Four of Digital Davis - 1:1 Student Devices
- Spartan 101 Middle College Program - earn college credit while in high school
- AVID - Supporting the Path to College
- Extensive Advanced Placement (AP) Offerings
- Health Careers and Public Safety Academies
- Child Development and Preschool Program
- Language Institute for English Learners
- Award Winning Academic Teams
- Wide Variety of Clubs and Athletic Teams
- Nationally Competitive Agricultural Teams
- Music: Orchestra, Choir, Piano and Guitar
- Performing Arts: Drama and Dance Production

PETER JOHANSEN HIGH SCHOOL

- Comprehensive Advanced Placement (AP) Offerings
- Three California Partnership Academies: Education and Human Development Academy (EHDA); Industrial Technology Engineering Academy (ITEA); Agriculture Academy
- Digital Arts and Technology Pathway (DATA)
- Visual and Performing Arts Pathway: Band (Advanced, Marching, Jazz), Orchestra, Color Guard, Drum Line; Drama (Advanced and Beginning); Choir
- Full Offering of Boys and Girls Team Sports
- Before and After School Academic Tutoring
- Viking Singers - Highly Decorated, Award Winning Advanced Acappella Group

Application available on next page.

If you are interested in participating in Open Enrollment, complete the Modesto City Schools Open Enrollment Application on the next page.

Open Enrollment Application Dates for 2018/2019 school year:

November 22, 2017: Open Enrollment application deadline for 2018/2019 school year. Interested parents must submit Open Enrollment applications to the Office of Child Welfare & Attendance.

January 2018: Parents whose applications are selected through the lottery process for Open Enrollment are notified of approval or of placement on a waiting list.

February 23, 2018: Deadline for parents whose applications have been selected for Open Enrollment to register their children at their Open Enrollment School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Open Enrollment Application

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 **November 22, 2017** to: **Modesto City Schools, Child Welfare & Attendance, 426 Locust Street, Modesto, CA 95351-2699**

NOTE: The only schools accepting applications for Open Enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year are **Beard, El Vista, and Robertson Road Elementary Schools for grades 4-6 only, Hanshaw Middle School, and Beyer, Davis and Johansen High Schools.**

SCHOOL OF CHOICE : _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

Grade next year: _____ Home School Next Year: _____

Student Name: _____
Last, First Middle Initial

Date of Birth: _____ MCS ID#: _____

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

If yes, are any other children currently on an Intra-district Transfer or Open Enrollment at the school of choice?

Yes _____ No _____

Student Name: _____
Last, First Middle Initial

Grade next year: _____ Home School Next Year: _____

Student Name: _____
Last, First Middle Initial

Grade next year: _____ Home School Next Year: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Last, First Middle Initial

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

REMINDER: This form must be received by the Child Welfare & Attendance Office (see address above) by November 22, 2017, to be eligible for Open Enrollment.

To be completed by CWA Office:
Approved _____ Disqualified _____
Not selected through lottery _____
Notified _____