



Schools with a Specialization (SWAS) Open Enrollment Transfer Lottery Scenarios

- 1. My child is currently in the fourth grade at a School with a Specialization campus, but we are moving over the summer. May we apply to remain at our current school where I serve on the PTA Executive Board?**

Yes, you may apply, but in order to be approved he/she must meet the same criteria applicable to our other students. In addition, space must still be available. Your role on the PTA has no impact on this decision.

- 2. We live in BISD and my child is in the eighth grade at a School of Specialization, but we want them to attend the same school that I attended for high school. May we move them from their home middle school to a high school outside our attendance zone?**

No. Your child must attend the high school within your attendance zone. Where you attended school or the current School with a Specialization will not have an impact on this decision.

- 3. We live in BISD, and I have two children that were transferred to schools near my place of work. One is in the fifth grade, and the other is in the eighth grade. Since this is close to my work and good for our family, may I keep both of my children in schools close to my work?**

Because your children will not attend the same school at the same time, and none of the other exemptions apply, your fifth-grader will be required to attend their home campus for middle school. The eighth-grader will be able to apply to the feeder high school for the middle school they are currently attending. However, in order to be approved for open enrollment, he/she must meet the same criteria applicable to our other students. Where you work will not have an impact on whether or not your students may apply to, or be approved, through Open Enrollment.

- 4. We currently live in a local school district (not BISD), but we are moving into BISD. We are looking at a house in the attendance zone at "School A," a School with a Specialization, but my seventh-grade child attends church with students who attend "School B." We really want our child to attend school with their friends in "School B." May we apply to attend at "School B" with their friends from church?**

Board Policy is clear that we only allow transfers in grades K-5, unless you or your child meets one of the exceptions. Where your child attends church will not have an impact on whether or not he/she may apply or be approved for Open Enrollment. Your child will be required to attend the School of Specialization.

- 5. I'm a BISD employee and would like my first-grader to attend the campus where I teach. Can I apply for this under Open Enrollment?**

Yes, there is a policy exception for employees of BISD. As with all transfers, space must be available and your child must meet the listed criteria.

6. My child is currently a transfer 11th-grader at one of BISD's high schools. Will my child be required to attend their home campus their senior year?

No. Since your child is a current student at the high school, they may apply to attend that same campus next school year. Board Policy allows current transfer students to apply to remain at their current campus.

7. My child qualified for open enrollment, but was placed on a waiting list. What does that mean?

This means that the campus/grade level you requested does not currently have space available to accommodate your child. If space becomes available for a campus/grade level you've requested prior to the start of school in August, you will be notified and given the option to accept the campus assignment at that time.

8. When will I know if my child will move from the waiting list to receiving a campus assignment?

This could occur at any time after the lottery is held, up to the first day of school.