



2019–2020 Open Enrollment Application Frequently Asked Questions

What is Open Enrollment?

Open Enrollment is a process through which in-district and out-of-district students may apply to a Birdville ISD campus other than the one they are zoned to attend based on their residential address. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and require approval by the campus principal and an administrator in the Student Services Department.

Is the Open Enrollment process the same every year?

No. The process can change each year based on student enrollment and what is in the best interest of Birdville ISD.

Why are some grade levels limited for the 2019–20 school year?

Due to student growth or loss of students due to attrition, every campus and grade level is reviewed annually to determine space availability.

Why did the application not allow me to continue completing the form?

The application process may be discontinued if the qualifications/criteria are not met by the applicant.

Why is Birdville ISD allowing out-of-district students in the District?

Under the current state financing system for public schools, the state has frozen the amount of money districts receive based on the property values of Austin ISD in 2005. Local taxes do not fully support Birdville ISD. BISD will receive supplementary funds from the state for the attendance of the out-of-district students.

How does this program benefit me as a taxpayer?

It adds additional state revenue to Birdville ISD's annual budget. BISD will receive supplementary funds from the state for the attendance of the out-of-district students. Since the state pays Birdville ISD for occupied seats, this process adds approximately \$4 to \$5 million into Birdville ISD's operating fund annually.

Will allowing out-of-district students cause my taxes to increase?

No. By filling available seats, Birdville ISD will receive additional state funds as a result of the students' attendance.

Are there any downsides to this program?

No. All students must meet our eligibility criteria or they will be removed from BISD.

Will this cause additional transportation costs?

No. Any student that is accepted on an Open Enrollment application, for a campus other than the one their residential address zones them to attend, will be required to provide their own transportation to and from school every day.

Can I apply for more than one campus while the Open Enrollment application is available?

Yes. You may apply for up to three campuses on one application.

Will speaking to the campus principal increase a student's chance of being accepted?

No. Each application is processed individually and each applicant must meet the eligibility criteria listed in the Open Enrollment information.

Why do middle school Open Enrollment students have to select a feeder high school while still in middle school?

BISD requires students to declare their high schools to help with planning for available classroom space and to make sure there are no issues with programs that have UIL eligibility requirements.