

ADMISSION OF INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT STUDENTS

(Outside of the Milford EVSD Boundaries)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **Acceptance of kindergarten applications:** Students who do not meet their district of residence Entrance Age policy for eligibility to enroll in kindergarten will not be considered for open enrollment by Milford Schools.
2. **Application approval for grades 3 through 12:** Requests will be acted upon (approved or denied) during the month of June with notification by mail from the Superintendent.
3. **Application approval for grades preschool through 2:** Request will be acted upon (approved or denied) by the first week of August with notification by mail. There will be no waiting list.
4. Applications must be submitted for interdistrict open enrollment on the official school district enrollment form and submitted in person.
5. A separate application form must be submitted for each student requesting admittance for interdistrict open enrollment.
6. Approval of students for interdistrict open enrollment is at the discretion of the Superintendent in accordance with the district's policies and administrative regulations.
7. A transition meeting must be held with the principal and the family. A waiver of this transition meeting may be approved for students previously enrolled through the interdistrict open enrollment option by the principal.
8. No interdistrict open enrollment will be permitted if the enrollment of the grade level requested exceeds district capacity limits and educational program limits.
9. Milford Exempted Village School District will not provide transportation for open enrolled students.
10. Applications shall be on a first come, first serve basis (date/time of receipt) with an assurance that the order for placement will be followed:
 - a. Milford Exempted Village School District resident students will not be displaced
 - b. Children of employees
 - c. Students who are members of the same family unit pursuant to Interdistrict Open Enrollment Policy (JECBB)
 - d. Students who are currently open enrolled in the Milford EVSD
11. Applications must be submitted annually (date to be determined each year) and all approvals will be on an annual basis in accordance with the Interdistrict Open Enrollment Policy. Special circumstances or students who are currently enrolled may be considered for interdistrict open enrollment.

12. Students who begin, but choose not to complete the entire school year at Milford Exempted Village School District and who return to their resident school district during that same year, will not be permitted to apply for interdistrict open enrollment status for the following year.
13. Any student who expects to graduate from the Milford Exempted Village School District must meet all the graduation requirements established in policy by the Milford Exempted Village School District.
14. Any falsification of information on the application form will render the application null and void.

The following criteria shall be used in determining space for additional students for interdistrict open enrollment:

1. No existing program will be expanded because of interdistrict open enrollment. No program will be moved to another building to accommodate students interested in transferring to Milford Schools. No new programs will be added because of interdistrict open enrollment.
2. Transfer for interdistrict open enrollment purposes may not create a racial imbalance. If minority balance of either the sending or receiving school would be negatively impacted, then the Superintendent shall have individual discretion in this matter.
3. Application of students outside the building attendance area will be considered for attending the school of their choice provided grade, building and program balance can be maintained. The following criteria shall be used to facilitate and maintain this requirement:
 - a. Kindergarten - 20 per class
 - b. First grade - 20 per class
 - c. Second grade - 20 per class
 - d. Third grade - 22 per class
 - e. Fourth grade - 22 per class
 - f. Fifth grade - 24 per class
 - g. Sixth grade - 24 per class
4. Enrollment in grades 7 – 12 may be permissible if the Superintendent/designee notifies the family that there may be space and that they meet with the school guidance counselor and work out an individual schedule. Enrollment in a particular class by an interdistrict open enrolled student cannot cause that option to be closed to residents of the Milford EVSD.
5. The building capacity will be reviewed annually and appropriate changes will be made, if necessary. The capacity numbers serve as a guide.

Open Enrollment Timeline:

- Application Available: April of each year
No phone calls or personal meetings will be accepted.
- Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to the Superintendent’s office by the designated date and time to meet the deadline for approval.
- Application Approval: Requests will be acted upon (approval or denied) during the month of June with notification by letter from the Superintendent. There will be no waiting list.

Current Milford students moving within the school year:

Applications for students currently enrolled in the Milford EVSD will be considered throughout the school year if the student’s family moves out of the district after the start of the academic year. The application will be considered for acceptance according to the guidelines set forth in this regulation.

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