

Are there any additional regulations?

Athletics: It is the responsibility of each student who is accepted in the inter-district open enrollment program and who desires to participate in the inter-scholastic athletic competition to take all necessary steps and present evidence of such to the superintendent that he/she has met all standards of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Students will not be permitted to participate in practices until proper eligibility is determined.

Bus Transportation: West Geauga will assume no responsibility for the transportation of students nor will the district alter established school bus routes to accommodate inter-district enrolled students.

Graduation Credits: The Board will accept all credits toward graduation from enrolled students who are residents of the State of Ohio. Any student who expects to graduate from West Geauga Local Schools must meet all graduation requirements established in the policy by the West Geauga Board of Education.

Provisions of Information: In compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.98, the West Geauga Board of Education will provide information regarding open enrollment policies and regulations to the superintendents and boards of education of school districts and, upon request, to the parents of students who reside in school districts in the State of Ohio.

Non-discrimination: In compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.98, the Board will enroll students without differentiation of the basis of academic, athletic, artistic, extracurricular activity or proficiency in English. No person on

the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or disability will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program.



Important dates for open enrollment

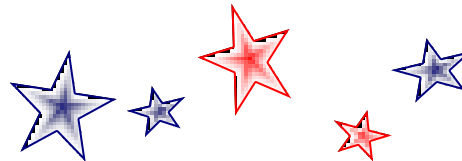
Open enrollment information will be provided upon request to parents in other districts.

May 1-31—Applications for open enrollment will be accepted. Late applications will not be accepted.

June—Requests will be approved or denied.

June 30—Parent acceptance of transfer must occur on or before this date.

***Note:** If grade, building and program capacities have not been exceeded, enrollment privileges may be extended until capacity has been met.



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Log on to www.westg.org for links to the inter-district open information and application form and West Geauga Board of Education bylaws and policies.

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Inter-District Open Enrollment

What you need to know.



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What is open enrollment?

Inter-district open enrollment is a policy of the West Geauga Board of Education which permits the enrollment of students who are residents of other school districts in Ohio to attend West Geauga Local Schools.

Who may participate?

Applications for students in kindergarten through grade 12 will be considered for participation in open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

Parents must submit application forms to West Geauga between May 1 and May 31. Application forms are available at the West Geauga Board of Education, 8615 Cedar Road in Chester Township or by logging onto the school district's Web site at www.westg.org. Completed forms must be returned to the Board office no later than May 31.

Can an application be rejected?

Under certain circumstances, open enrollment will not be permitted. These are:

- If the enrollment of the grade level being requested exceeds the following:
 - Grades K-3: 23 per class
 - Grades 4-6: 25 per class
 - Grades 7-12: Established on a course by course basis by the administration.
 - Grades 7-12: Shall not exceed 215 students.
 - Grades K-12: Special education—eight less than state maximum

- If students have been suspended or expelled for 10 consecutive days in the current term or the immediately preceding term.
- If a student is a resident of the State of Ohio and wishes to enroll in the district for the express purpose of attending a private school to which the district provides transportation.
- Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3313.98, if a special education student is a resident of another school district in Ohio and requires services which are not available in the district, the student will be obligated to attend the school building where the services specified in the student's IEP are available and space is available to accommodate that special education student.

What if more students apply to attend than there are spaces?

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis (date/time of receipt) with assurance that the following order for placement will be followed:

- West Geauga resident students will not be displaced.
- Children of employees.
- Special education students from those districts in the special education county consortium in which the West Geauga Local School District is a participant will have priority over inter-district open enrollment applicants.

- Students currently attending the West Geauga Local School District pursuant to the inter-district open enrollment policy.
- Students who are members of the same family unit (brothers and sisters) of students who attend West Geauga Local School District pursuant to the inter-district open enrollment policy.
- First-time open enrollment students.

Must students reapply every year?

No, however students who are enrolled in the district on the final day of the previous school year will receive enrollment preference over the first-time student applicants. In addition, children of West Geauga employees will receive enrollment preference over the first-time applicants.

Any student who is a resident of the State of Ohio and who returns to his/her district of residence prior to completing one full year in the district will forfeit the right to any further application for open enrollment in the West Geauga Local School District.

No student, once accepted by the West Geauga Board of Education, will be displaced during that year should enrollment exceed the above stated limits. All approved transfers are in effect for the current school year only and may be discontinued at the discretion of the participating board of education in subsequent years.

Open enrollment may be discontinued at the discretion of the West Geauga Board of Education.