

Board Approval at January 2025-26 Board meeting

2025 – 2026 Open Enrollment Spaces as recommended.

Administrative recommendation is as follows:

- There will be unlimited availability for regular education students to Open Enroll in the Plymouth School District in all grade levels for the 2025-2026 school year.
- It has been determined due to the caseload and workload considerations, there are no seats available in any special education services in grades early childhood through grade 12. There is no space available for speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or third-party services for vision, hearing impaired, and orientation and mobility in all grade levels.
- The resident school district is responsible for the screening of a child to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has a disability and should be referred for a special education evaluation. This should be done prior to the open enrollment of a student to another school district. The resident school district will inform the nonresident district of the student's need for special education.
- When a child who is attending the District under open enrollment is referred for a special education evaluation, the evaluation must be consistent with the requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State law. An IEP team is required to consult with appropriate personnel from the student's resident school district, in conjunction with the non-resident school district the student is attending.
- The District will provide an appropriate educational program to implement the IEP of a child attending school under full-time open enrollment program unless the IEP requires a special education program or services that are not available or in which no space is available. In those circumstances, the nonresident district may notify the student's resident district that the program or services are not available in the nonresident district. If the student's resident district is notified that the nonresident district does not have the required special education program or services or that there is no space available, then the resident district is responsible for providing an appropriate educational placement for the student.
- A student who is currently attending school with established residency and who moves out of the District during a school year, thus becoming a non-resident student, will be required to obtain a tuition waiver to continue enrollment in the School District for that current school year, in accordance with state law. In order for the student to continue his/her education in the School District for the following school year, the student will be required to submit a timely application for open enrollment in accordance with the School District's policy. The student will be required to be approved for open enrollment in the School District in accordance with the School District's policy in order to continue the student's education in the School District. No student is guaranteed approval based on prior residency in the District.