

## **New LPS Open Enrollment Process Begins October 1st**

LPS offers many educational choices to resident and non-resident families and welcomes out of district students. Colorado state law allows non-residents to enroll students in any Colorado school without paying tuition when state and district guidelines are followed. Resident families may attend their attendance-area school or apply for open enrollment at another LPS school.

In an effort to better serve families, LPS now offers two open enrollment windows. All qualified students who apply within an open enrollment window will be part of a random drawing for acceptance, following district enrollment guidelines. This means families will have several weeks to turn in open enrollment applications for a random drawing of qualified students. Families will no longer feel pressured to line up on October 1st to turn in applications for open enrollment. Open enrollment applications must be turned in to each requested school. Families are encouraged to apply during window one.

### **LPS Open Enrollment Guidelines**

- District residents have priority consideration over non-residents.
- There is space available at the student's grade level.
- There is a school program appropriate for the enrolling student.
- The student must be in good standing, grades, attendance and behavior, in his or her previous school.
- Good standing applies to resident and non-resident students seeking new and continuing open enrollment.
- Open enrolled students must reapply at level changes, elementary to middle and middle to high.
- Open enrolled students wanting to continue at the same school next year must complete an "Intent to Renew" form. This must be done each year by January 10.

### **LPS Open Enrollment Windows**

- **Enrollment Window One** begins October 1 and ends November 15. Students will be notified by the end of the first full week in December.
- **Enrollment Window Two** begins November 16 and ends the first Friday following winter break. Students will be notified by the third Friday of the second semester.
- Because preschool and kindergarten registration do not take place until January, families will be notified of open enrollment acceptance by the end of January.

Parents are responsible for providing transportation for open enrolled students. District transportation may be provided when space is available on an established bus route. To see if bus transportation may be available, please visit <https://littletonpublicschools.net/bus-transportation> on the district website and complete an online "space availability" form. Keep in mind that space available transportation requests may not be processed until October.

For more information visit the district website: <https://littletonpublicschools.net/open-enrollment>.