

USD 234 Enrollment Projection & Nonresident Enrollment Report

Nonresident Student Enrollment Capacity

USD 234 will have limited capacity to accept nonresident students for the 2026-2027 school year. Based on the projected enrollment and capacity to operate effectively, USD 234 will accept nonresident students as outlined in the table below and the process for selection is outlined below. Students living outside of the USD 234 boundary must formally apply for nonresident enrollment and use the application linked below which will be available on or before June 1, 2026. The completed application must be received by no later than June 30, 2026. Applications may also be picked up and returned to the USD 234 District Office at 424 S. Main in Fort Scott. All questions about nonresident enrollment shall be directed to Zach Johnson at zach.johnson@usd234.org or at 620-223-0800.

The Board of Education adopted the student enrollment projection in Table 1.7 and the nonresident enrollment seats in the grades and schools identified in Table 1.8 in this report.

Nonresident Enrollment Process & Timeline

The district will accept nonresident student enrollment applications between June 1 and June 30 of each year, starting in 2025.

All eligible nonresident students who completed the application process following the district's guidelines will be accepted as students if capacity exists and if they are not currently suspended or expelled from their current school district. All students must meet the student in good standing guidelines set in the district's open enrollment policy.

When the number of nonresident enrollment applications exceeds the school building, program, or grade level capacity, the district will randomly select students through a confidential lottery process conducted by the superintendent or designee between July 1 and July 15.

The district will contact student families during the lottery process to confirm enrollment location and confirm acceptance. The nonresident student's current district may be required to confirm good standing prior to acceptance.

All eligible nonresident students who completed the application process following the district's guidelines but were not selected will be notified and informed of the reason they were not accepted for enrollment.

A nonresident student will not be accepted when enrollment requires the acquisition of additional district resources, including but not limited to personnel, technology hardware or software, square footage, physical equipment, transportation services, or contracted services.

Acceptance of nonresident students will not be based on ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language, measure of achievement,

If a nonresident student is accepted into the district and later found to have an IEP that includes transportation between the residence and assigned school, the district is not required to provide transportation outside of district boundaries. When applicable, a new Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will be developed upon enrollment.

New Non-Resident En rollment Form

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