Iowa Department of Education | 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Iowa Open Enrollment Application

School Year 2022-2023

Application Instructions

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# Application Information and Deadlines

If a parent or guardian wishes to open enroll their child(ren), they must:

* Complete an application (available in any Iowa public school district’s central office and on the Iowa [Department of Education’s [Department] website](https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/options-educational-choice/open-enrollment)),
* Submit an application for each child in their family, and
* Send the application to both the resident and receiving school districts on or before the established deadline to be considered for approval (Iowa Code § 282.18(2), as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File [HF] 847).\*

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| Date | 2022-2023 Deadline |
| September 1, 2022 | Last day a parent/guardian may apply to open enroll their incoming kindergarten student. |
| September 1, 2022 | Last day a parent/guardian may apply to open enroll their incoming preschool student who receives special education services requiring specially designed instruction (SDI). |
| September 2, 2022 | Applications for incoming preschool students requiring SDI and kindergarteners will be denied unless the parent/guardian is able to demonstrate “good cause” under [Iowa Code section 282.18](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/282.18.pdf). |
| March 1, 2022 | Last day a parent/guardian may apply to open enroll their student in grades 1-12 for the 2022-2023 school year. |
| March 2, 2022 | Applications for students grades 1-12 will be denied unless the parent/guardian is able to demonstrate good cause. |

\*Please mail or fax copies of the form to your resident district and the district you are open enrolling to. For addresses or fax numbers for school districts, please visit the districts’ websites.

## Current Open Enrolled Students

If a current open enrolled student would like to open enroll to a new school district, the parent or guardian must:

* File a new application with:
  + The district the student is currently attending and open enrolled into (receiving district),
  + The resident district, and
  + The district the student wants to attend (alternate receiving district) by the March 1 (or September 1) deadline.
* Indicate on the application that the child is currently open enrolled and would like to open enroll to a new school district (see 10.e.).

The new district (alternate receiving district) will notify the parent or guardian, the resident district, and previous receiving district of acceptance or denial (Iowa Administrative Code rule 281—17.8(4)).

# Application Sections

* Parents and guardians must complete pages 1-2 of the application.
* Resident and receiving districts must complete page 3.

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\*CAUTION: Knowingly providing false information on this form will invalidate the application.\*

## **To be completed by parent or guardian:**

1. Full Legal Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Birth:       Grade for 2022-2023: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender:
3. Full Legal Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone Number(s) – Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Residential Address – Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Resident District: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attendance Center (School Building): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. District Requested: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attendance Center (School Building):\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*\*Request does not guarantee placement*

1. The student will be enrolled in the following (check all that apply):

Regular Education  Special Education

Home School (Competent Private Instruction)  Home School Assistance Program

Dual Enrollment–Academic  Dual Enrollment–Activity Program

Open Enrolling to Approved Online Program and Participating in Resident District Co-Curricular Activities

1. Is your child currently:
   1. Eligible to receive special education services?
   2. Being evaluated for special education services?
   3. Receiving English language learning services?
   4. Under suspension or expulsion from school?
      * If yes, date the suspension or expulsion will be complete:
   5. Open enrolled (attending a school district that the student does not live in)?
2. Will you request transportation assistance?

* If yes, attach the following to the application being sent to the resident district:
  + Proof of income and
  + Number in persons in the household

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| Question 12 should be completed only IF the application is being filed after March 1 for grades 1-12. |
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**I certify the information I have provided is true, and I have sent a copy of this form to my resident district and to the district I wish for my child to attend.**

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| Signature of Parent or Guardian |  | Date Signed |

## **To be completed by the receiving district:**

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| Receiving District |
| The receiving district has the authority to act on all applications (before or after deadline) except for those applicants alleging repeated harassment, a severe health need that cannot be accommodated in the resident district, or that the district has failed to reasonably respond to a student’s failure to meet basic academic needs. |
| **Date application was received:**  Child has an IEP. Date of consultation with the resident district and area education agency:  **The application is (select one):**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Approved: |  | Denied: | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | | | Superintendent Signature | | |  | | Date Signed | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | | | Superintendent Signature | | |  |   Date of School Board Action  Indicate reason for denial:  Application filed late with no good cause.  Insufficient classroom space.  Student under suspension or expulsion.  Appropriate special education program is not available. | |

## **To be completed by the resident district:**

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| Resident District |
| **Date application was received:**  The resident district is acting on this application for the following reason(s):  Student alleges pervasive harassment that began or escalated after deadline.  Student has a severe health condition that began or escalated after deadline.  The resident district’s consistent failure to reasonably respond to a student’s failure to meet basic academic standards  Application filed late with no good cause.  **The application is (select one):**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Approved: |  | Denied: | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | | | Superintendent Signature | | |  |   Date Signed |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | | | Superintendent Signature | | |  |   Date of School Board Action  Indicate reason for denial:  Doesn’t meet severe health condition criteria.  Doesn‘t meet pervasive harassment criteria.  Doesn’t meet failure to reasonably respond to a student’s academic failure criteria  Application filed late with no good cause. | |