

OPEN ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

Please read this information before filling out your open enrollment transfer request.

Please be sure you have followed ALL the directions. It is imperative that you correctly provide all the information requested on the application form; otherwise, your application will be rejected.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

This form is an application for an open enrollment request. Not every student who applies to change schools will receive an open enrollment transfer.

Applicants will be notified via email during the month of January 2023, as to which program/programs they have been approved to. The complete application process as listed below must be followed. No information will be provided over the telephone, **please wait for the email notification.**

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?

Akron Public Schools does not transport High School students. Students are provided with Akron Metro bus passes.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS APPROVED?

• **Application Process:**

- Akron Early College: Students wishing to enroll in Akron Early College must complete an application and return it to Akron Early College. *Students must complete an essay, questionnaire and have all core teachers plus counselor and principal submit a recommendation form.*
- ASA: Approvals to The Akron School for the Arts at Firestone are based on auditions.
- IB Program: Students wishing to enroll in the International Baccalaureate program must complete an IB Application from Firestone. Prerequisite coursework is also required. Return IB application to Firestone CLC.
- STEM: Learners wishing to enroll in STEM High School must complete an application with the Open Enrollment Office and an additional essay application to be returned to STEM High School. Learners submitting complete applications by the deadline will be entered into a lottery for the selection process.

*****Failure to complete all application requirements may result in removal of student from the enrollment roster*****

- **Space:** Students may not be able to transfer if the school or the grade level to which they are applying is filled to capacity.
- **Behavior:** Students who have been expelled during this school year may not be allowed an open enrollment transfer. Students who have frequently been suspended during the current school year, have excessive absences and tardies, or have been transferred by Student Services on special permits for disciplinary reasons or pupil adjustment will be reviewed by a Student Services Coordinator prior to a decision of eligibility for open enrollment.

WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS?

Students with disabilities may apply for an open enrollment transfer, but they may only attend a school where they can reasonably be accommodated. Transfer of special education students through open enrollment will be reviewed by the Department of Special Education.

OTHER

Additional application requirements, which include the dates and times for mandatory parent/guardian and student meetings, will be mailed to you once your open enrollment form has been processed.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY AS RELATED TO OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSFERS:

In accordance with Ohio High School Athletic Associations bylaws 4-7-3 students can make a choice of a school when advancing from eighth grade to ninth grade. However, if a student transfers after establishing eligibility during the student's ninth grade year, the student may be ineligible for half the season of the participating sport(s). **Please contact the Athletics Office at 330-761-2755.**

If you have questions, call 330-761-2752 or 330-761-2816

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

OPEN ENROLLMENT AVAILABILITY

	9th	10th	11th	12th
Buchtel	L	L	L	L
East	L	L	L	L
Ellet	L	L	L	L
Firestone	L	L	L	L
Kenmore/Garfield	L	L	L	L
North	L	L	L	L

Open enrollment is based on space availability and there are no guarantees.

Potential Space Available

L Limited Space Available

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