



Open Enrollment Guidance

Guidance for Open Enrollment comes from [Minn. Rule 3525.0800 Subp. 8](#).

According to Rebecca Nessel, Lead Monitor at MDE, if a student is open enrolled, the district of residence is responsible for the cost (via tuition billing), but the providing district is responsible for providing the education. The resident district essentially does not have any obligation to oversee the provision of services. When the child is open enrolled, there is no obligation for the providing district to include the resident district in any way. Nothing prevents the resident district from attending an IEP meeting for a student open enrolled if there is relevant knowledge of the student and are invited to the meeting by either the enrolling district or the parent.

So, in other words, we do not have to invite the resident district or send them any paperwork when a student is Open Enrolled: ex. Sauk Centre resident student whose parents have open enrolled them to Melrose.

Consideration should be given to cases where the providing district is proposing a larger expense such as a 1-1 paraprofessional. The resident district would appreciate being informed of proposals which could be impacted financially.

In situations where a student is being referred to a tuition placement, such as Beacon or WIN, the resident district must be included in the discussion with the providing district.

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