

Oregon and Inter-district Transfers

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Inter-district Transfers

A student may transfer between districts if the student receives consent to transfer from both the district of residence and the receiving district. Questions about the process and timelines for obtaining consent should be directed to school districts.

A student may remain at their current school for a period of time following a move to a new district. If the student moves mid-year, the student may remain enrolled until the end of the year. If the student moves over the summer, the student may remain enrolled for the following school year.

A district may consider a transfer request outside of the district's interdistrict transfer policy and procedures where a hardship exists. Hardship is defined in [OAR 581-021-0019\(1\)\(c\)](#).

Applicable Statutes and Rules:

- [ORS 339.133\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- [ORS 339.127](#)
- [OAR 581-021-0019](#)

WLWV Policies and Procedures on Transfers

Policy JECF and Policy JECB (See WLWV Website, School Board Policies)

For the 2024-2025 School District, the school board approved:

1) The district will be OPEN for inter-district *transfers into* the district beginning February 1, 2024:

The district will automatically accept 2024-2025 entry of G. K-12 students into our district to:

- a) Non-resident students currently attending school in the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.
- b) Siblings of non-resident students currently enrolled in the district.
- c) Families who qualify for a hardship cause (SB 709, ORS 581-021-0019).

Additional admissions will be limited to:

- a) All Primary and Middle Schools will be OPEN for inter-district transfers.
- b) OPEN schools will accept inter-district transfers based on space availability (grade level/course sizes) and school capacity. Parents may suggest a school; however, the district holds the right to assign the school.
- c) High Schools will only OPEN at Grade 9 Level and with these limits:
 - (i) Riverside HS Grade 9: 15 openings
 - (ii) West Linn HS Grade 9: 5 openings
 - (iii) Wilsonville HS Grade 9: 5 openings.

Students will abide by behavior and attendance expectations for the transfer to remain valid. These include 1) annual attendance at 92% or greater; 2) No annual cumulative suspensions of greater than 5 days. Inter-district transfers will be in effect, with continued enrollment, through graduation. No out-of-district transportation will be provided. No tuition-paying transfers will be accepted.

2) The district will approve 20 requests for inter-district *transfers from the district to another school district for the 2024-2025 school year.* Applications will be available and accepted beginning February 1, 2024. Requests for release will be approved beginning March 1, 2024. At that time, priority will be given according to the following order:

Resident students who are currently enrolled in High School at the requested school district.
Resident students who are currently enrolled in Middle or Primary School at the requested school district.

Siblings of students who are currently enrolled in the requested school district.
Students making new transfer requests.

NOTE: All Senior students currently enrolled in high school at the requested school district will be released and not considered as part of the 20 slots.

A wait list will be created if more requests are received than spaces available. If more spaces are available for release than initially requested, requests may continue to be made at any time during the school year and will be approved as received. There will be no closing date for release requests until the 20 spaces have been filled.

What was Open Enrollment?

Open Enrollment, enacted by the Oregon Legislature in 2011, created an additional option for students wishing to transfer between districts. School districts were not allowed to deny a transfer request if the receiving school approved the transfer. The open enrollment statute contained a sunset provision, effective July 1, 2019. Open Enrollment no longer applies in Oregon since July 1, 2019.

ORS 339.133(5)(a) Inter-District Transfers Require Consent from Both

(5)(a) Except as provided in ORS 327.006 (6) and 335.090, an individual whose legal residence is not within the district but who attends school in the district is considered a resident in the district in which the individual attends school if the individual receives written consent from both of the affected district school boards as provided by policies adopted by the boards.

ORS 339.127(1) Inter-District Transfers Cannot Discriminate

(1) A district school board that admits nonresident students by giving consent as described in ORS 339.133 (5)(a) may not consider race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, disability, health, whether a student has an individualized education program, the terms of an individualized education program, income level, residence, proficiency in the English language, athletic ability or academic records when: (a) Determining whether to give consent; or (b) Establishing any terms of consent.

ORS 339.127(4)(a) Inter-District Transfers May Be Limited by Number

(4)(a) A district school board that gives consent as described in ORS 339.133 (5)(a) may limit the number of students to whom consent is given. The district school board must make the determination whether to limit the number of students to whom consent is given by an annual date established by the board. (b) If the number of students seeking consent exceeds any limitations imposed by the district school board, the board must give consent to students based on an equitable lottery selection process.

ORS 339.127(9)(a) School District Cannot Advertise for Transfers

(9)(a) A school district that provides consent to nonresident students to attend the schools of the school district may not expend moneys received from the State School Fund or as Local Revenues, as described in ORS 327.011, to advertise openings for nonresident students if the advertisements are:

- (A) Located outside the boundaries of the school district, including advertisements that are made by signage or billboards; or
- (B) Directed to nonresident students, including:
 - (i) Advertisements that are targeted to nonresident students through direct mail or online marketing;
 - (ii) Television or radio advertisements; or
 - (iii) Newspaper advertisements, unless the advertisement is in a newspaper that primarily serves the residents of the school district.

Note: In 2021-2022 WLWV placed advertisements on a billboard and in newspapers encouraging **resident students to return to in-person school in the district. This did not violate ORS 339.127(9)(a) because the WLWV school district was CLOSED to transfers (non-residents) during that time.*

Transfers Into the West Linn-Wilsonville School District

Non-resident students may have transferred into the district upon approval under these circumstances as per Oregon Statutes and School Board policies JECF and JECB:

- 1) House Bill 4007 – Mid-Year Moves
- 2) House Bill 3681 – Open Enrollment (sunsetting in 2019)
- 3) SB 709 – Hardship Cause
- 4) Inter-District Transfer Policies JECF, JECB
- 5) Tuition (*allowable in Oregon, but WLWV does not allow*)
- 6) Safe Public Schools Choice Transfer
- 7) Court Placement
- 8) Homeless

In 2017-2018 through 2022-2023: The School Board did NOT approve inter-district transfers to any new families, unless they qualified under SB 709 “hardship”, HB 4007, safe schools, court placement and homelessness. This was primarily due to consistent growth and community

feedback regarding property taxes allocated to capital bond improvements, (ie, concern that residents' taxes were funding non-residents' placements in our schools.)

In 2022-2023: The School Board reinstated (in 10/2022) approval of inter-district transfers to new family requests with certain limitations (space, high school grade 9 only, etc.). This was primarily due to space availability and staffing challenges (ie, recruiting and retaining teachers).

The table below is the number of non-resident students who attend(ed) our schools and may have entered at **ANY TIME during their schooling for any of the reasons stated above:**

School	2016-2017	2017-2018*	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023**	2023-2024
Art Tech HS	12	5	0	0	X	X	X	X
Riverside HS	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	10
West Linn HS	93	80	75	69	X	80	73	73
Wilsonville HS	89	79	62	61	X	84	81	81
Athey Creek MS	40	29	43	56	X	66	55	51
Inza R. Wood MS	29	20	19	28	X	28	24	16
Meridian Creek MS	0	19	30	24	X	36	31	32
Rosemont Ridge MS	32	13	9	0	X	3	4	13
Boeckman Creek PS	24	31	27	30	X	34	25	27
Bolton PS	100	95	72	53	X	21	13	29
Boones Ferry PS	54	34	31	28	X	14	18	16
CedarOak Park PS	25	24	18	12	X	11	6	9
Lowrie PS	10	0	0	0	X	1	0	8
Stafford PS	45	38	23	19	X	15	11	7
Sunset PS	17	11	7	4	X	14	9	23
Trillium Creek PS	0	0	1	0	X	3	0	1
Willamette PS	53	33	24	22	X	15	12	10
TOTAL	623	511	441	406	X	425	362	406

* NO inter-district transfers allowed starting this year, 2017-2018.

** Inter-district transfers reinstated, 2022-2023.

*** Riverside HS opened in the 2023-2024 school year.

X Reliable data is unavailable based on COVID-19 enrollment variation for the 2020-2021 school year.

X Art Tech HS discontinues taking transfers and closes in 2021-2022.