



Combined Early Childhood Statewide Enrollment Options and Non-Resident Agreement Form

Required form for all Minnesota school districts

Use *only* for early childhood special education, state-funded voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus.

Background information

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: email, mail or fax this form to the superintendent's office of the non-resident district where you would like your students to attend. Complete one form per child per district to which you are applying. Do not mail to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). At least one parent must currently live in Minnesota with the child to submit this form.

- The basic, priority deadline for inter-district open enrollment is January 15 for the following fall. However, many families have situations which may waive the deadline or where districts may agree to serve the student through a stop-gap measure called a Non-Resident Agreement for the period of time impacted by an applicable, missed January 15 deadline. It is always to your advantage to submit this form by January 15 for the following fall if you are able.

Use this form only if:

- Your **child is not yet old enough to attend kindergarten; and**
- You are applying to enroll your child into a school district other than the one in which you live (a "non-resident" district) to receive **early childhood special education.**
- You are applying to participate in a non-resident district's **state-funded voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus program and you have verified with the superintendent's office in the nonresident district that your situation meets eligibility requirements** in that district before submitting this form.

If these criteria do not describe your situation, do not use this form. (For example, do not use this form for application to sliding-scale early childhood programs, tuition-based preschool or early childhood family education. For more information on those programs, please contact the school district that you would like your child to attend.)

If you apply and the non-resident district notifies you that your application is accepted:

Notify the non-resident district as to whether you are accepting the offer of enrollment by March 1, or, if you applied under a no-deadline situation, 45 days after notification. Visit the non-resident district office at least 10 days before your child is expected to start attending to complete all enrollment forms.

Parents or guardians of students with special needs: please contact the district about creating an IEP team as soon as possible after accepting an offer of enrollment in a non-resident district.

Transportation: The school district will give you information regarding transportation if you request it from a bus stop in that district. (Minn. Stat. § 123B.88, subd. 6; Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 8). Additional transportation options may be available for early childhood special education students dependent on the IEP.

Obligation to attend at least one year. By accepting an enrollment options offer, your student is obligated to attend the non-resident district during the upcoming school year. **If you do not want to stay in the nonresident district more than the first year, notify your resident district by January 15 for the following fall.**

Retaining the student’s seat in nonresident district.

Generally, you do not need to reapply in subsequent years for your student to remain open enrolled. (An exception is students who are served by a nonresident agreement in the year prior to kindergarten, who – depending on district capacities – may be placed into a kindergarten lottery for open enrollment slots the following year.) If you move into another Minnesota non-resident school district, the student does not lose the seat but you do need to submit an updated Enrollment Options Form.

Siblings: You must make separate application for siblings to attend the nonresident district. However, if a lottery is needed to determine who gets seats at those grade levels, siblings receive a priority.

Section 1: To be completed by one or both of the student’s parents/guardians

Student Information

Student Name: Last: First: Full Middle:

Birthdate: Year: Month: Day:

Student’s resident school district name:

District #: City:

District of choice (non-resident school district) name:

District #: City: Mail, fax or e-mail contact:

Special education. Does your child have an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Program (IEP), or has your child been determined eligible for early childhood special education services through an evaluation completed by your resident school district? Yes No

Are you seeking early childhood special education in the nonresident district? Yes No. (If you answered Yes to this second question, but No to the first, contact your resident school district’s Special Education department for assistance before submitting this.)

Voluntary prekindergarten. Are you seeking to enroll in state-funded voluntary prekindergarten, having verified with the non-resident district that your student meets eligibility requirements? Yes No

School readiness plus. Are you seeking to enroll in school readiness plus, having verified with the non-resident district that your student meets eligibility requirements? Yes No

Site preferences. If the nonresident school district has multiple sites that serve your child’s needs, you may rank in order of preference. Non-resident districts are to consider these in this order, assuming these sites have the requested program and available space. (Do not put sites that are located in different independent school

Section 2: To be completed by the non-resident district

Non-resident district: Notify parents/guardians in writing by February 15 (or no more than 90 days after receiving applications that come later through an Achievement and Integration School Choice Program) of approval or disapproval of application. If rejected, you must let families know legal reason for denial. Please expedite applications for families seeking early childhood special education services.

Families must accept or decline the offer by March 1 or 45 days later. Districts must report all counts of rejected applications and reasons to the Minnesota Department of Education by July 15.

Student Name: Last: First: Full Middle:
Birthdate: Year: Month: Day:

Date Application Received:

District Name: District Number: District Contact Name: Title:
Phone:

Does the January 15 deadline apply? No, because:
 One or both districts receive Achievement and Integration funding from MDE.
 Family moved to resident district on December 1 or later.
 Yes, it was met.
 Yes, but it was not met. **If this is the case, contact the superintendent’s office in the resident district immediately related to Section 3 of this form** to determine whether the resident district and your district will agree to a **Non-resident Agreement** to serve the student prior to open enrollment becoming available.

Lotteries. (Since early childhood special education cannot close, lotteries are not held for these particular applications.)

Will the student have priority in a lottery for voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus? No
Yes. Lottery priority is based upon:

- Sibling of currently open-enrolled student in this district.
 - MDE-approved Achievement and Integration school choice plan.
 - Child of Minnesota resident who is a district employee.
 - City of Edina resident whose resident school district is not Edina Public Schools, seeking entry to the district.
- APPROVED**
 APPROVED BUT WITH A NONRESIDENT AGREEMENT for beginning year that is mutually agreed upon by both districts. Enrollment will continue in subsequent years as open enrollment with the exception that a voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus student’s enrollment through a nonresident agreement who is entering kindergarten the subsequent year may be placed in an open enrollment kindergarten lottery (if held).

On the basis of information provided in the above application, and with respect to district policies and procedures, the above student will be assigned to:

School Building Name: Starting Date: Grade Level:

NOT APPROVED

The non-resident district has denied the request for open enrollment because of the following reason(s) allowed in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03. **Check all that apply.**

- The January 15 deadline applies and was not met; situations that would have waived the deadline are not present. See Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, subdivision 3. Districts have not mutually agreed to a non-resident agreement.
- Statutory enrollment cap has been reached open enrollment into the requested voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus program has been reached. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd.2)
- The requested voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus program is closed district-wide by board action. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 2 and subd.6)

NON-RESIDENT DISTRICT SIGNATURE:

Name of Superintendent/Responsible Authority

Date:

NOTIFICATION TO RESIDENT DISTRICT

Non-resident district must notify resident district or last district of attendance by March 15 or no later than 30 days after this decision.

Section 3: Resident district completes *only* when a request for a non-resident agreement is included

Student Name: Last:

First:

Full Middle:

Birthdate: Year:

Month:

Day:

The student is released from the resident district under a Non-Resident Agreement for the following time period. **Start date:** _____ This resident district understands that the student will remain enrolled at the non-resident district under the Statewide Enrollment Options Program **effective with the following school year:** _____

The student is not released as requested to the non-resident district for the current school year. However, the district understands this form will serve as the Enrollment Options request at the requested non-resident district **effective with the following school year:** _____

RESIDENT DISTRICT SIGNATURE:

Name of Superintendent/Responsible Authority

Date:

DISTRICTS MAY NOT MODIFY THIS FORM, ADD DATA FIELDS OR CREATE ALTERNATIVE FORMATS.