

OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY

The Board of Education adopts this policy pursuant to the terms of SB 64 of the 1998 New Mexico Legislature, also known as the Open Enrollment Act, amending N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-1-4:

- 1) The attendance area of each school within the district shall be established annually by the Board of Education.
- 1) Students shall be enrolled or re-enrolled in each district school according to the following priorities:
 - a) First, students residing within the attendance area of the school;
 - b) Second, students enrolled in a school ranked as a school that needs improvement or a school subject to corrective action;
 - c) Third, students (and their siblings) who previously attended the public school; and
 - d) Fourth, all other applicants for enrollment at the school.
- 2) Transportation shall be provided by the district for transportation-eligible students residing within the attendance area of the school they attend. Transportation of students residing outside the attendance area of the school they attend shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian or student.
- 3) The Superintendent shall determine the maximum allowable class size in the district by administrative regulation.
 - a) So long as the maximum allowable class size established by the Superintendent or as permitted by law is not exceeded by the enrollment of first-priority students (those residing in the attendance area) the school shall continue to enroll students on the basis of the priorities established in this policy.
 - b) If the maximum allowable class size would be exceeded by enrollment of an applicant in the second or third priority category, the school may deny such student enrollment.
 - c) Each school shall establish a waiting list of second and third priority students who are seeking enrollment in the school and enter the names of such students on the list in the order in which each student sought enrollment.
 - d) As classroom space becomes available in each school, students within the appropriate grade level shall be invited to enroll on the basis of (1) the student's enrollment priority category, and then (2) the order of the student's entry on the waiting list.