

Option Enrollment

What is “Option Enrollment”

Parents who do not reside in the Westside school district may request that their student(s) attend our schools through the process of “option enrollment.”

Can I still apply for the current school year?

No. We have completed enrollment and filled our available spaces for this school year.

When can I start applying for next school year?

Applications will be made available on our website on or after September 1st. Applications are accepted from **September 1st – March 15th** for the school year that begins the following August. It is not a fillable form – you will need to print it out and mail or email it to us. If you would like a copy of the form mailed to you please contact Julie at (402) 390-2107 or thacker.julie@westside66.net

Where do I send my completed form?

Office of Student Services, ABC Building, 909 So. 76th St Omaha NE 68114 or thacker.julie@westside66.net

Will I have a better chance of getting in if apply early?

No. Applications are taken through March 15th. Date received is not considered.

What are my chances of getting accepted?

We receive many more applications than we have spaces available. It is not possible to give a percentage chance of getting in. Acceptance depends on space available and the number of applications received for each grade level. Very few, if any, applications will be approved for our middle school and high school due to the number of students already attending.

How is it decided who is accepted for option enrollment?

After March 15th, each application will be assigned a random computer-generated lottery number. We look at which buildings and grade levels have space available. State law requires us to give priority to:

1. Siblings of currently attending students.
2. Students who are currently enrolled as open enrolled students;
3. Students who reside in Douglas or Sarpy County and contribute to the socioeconomic diversity at the building; and
4. Other students who reside in Douglas or Sarpy County.
5. Students residing outside of Douglas or Sarpy County.

When will I know if my child has been accepted?

We will send a letter no later than **April 5th**, to each applicant to let you know whether or not your student has been approved to attend under option enrollment.

If I call before April 5 can you tell me if my child has been approved? No.

Who do I contact if I have questions about option enrollment?

Contact Julie Thacker at (402) 390-2107 or thacker.julie@westside66.net