



OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSPARENCY

Model Policy

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I. Short Title

This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Open Enrollment Transparency Act,” (the “Act”).

II. Legislative Findings

The Legislature finds that parents have the primary responsibility of ensuring that their children receive the best education possible, and the state has the responsibility to provide quality education options to families. In recognition of those responsibilities, the Legislature intends to provide parents the authority and the information to decide which schools are best for their children and to access those schools accordingly.

III. Definition

A “parent” means any person who is the legal guardian of a child who is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education under state law.

IV. Open Enrollment Transparency Act

a. By July 1, if a school district assigns school placement by a student’s residential address, then the school district shall publish and maintain an accurate street-level map that highlights the boundaries of the school district and the boundaries for each school’s attendance zone. The map shall be made available to the public on the district’s website in a format determined by the state’s department of education. The school district shall share the source data used to derive the maps with the department of education. If the attendance zones are altered, the publicly available map shall be updated and published on the website within 10 business days of the change.

b. School districts shall annually inform each parent of their enrollment options and the process for choosing a school. Information from the school district shall include but not be limited to information regarding each school’s academic performance, enrichment opportunities, and course offerings.

c. School districts shall allow parents to enroll their students in the school nearest to their residence, regardless of the school for which they are zoned.