

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Limited Open Enrollment?	Limited Open Enrollment is a program that allows children who do not reside within Pasadena ISD's boundaries to apply for enrollment in Pasadena schools.
Is there a tuition charge or fee for non-resident students?	No. Students who are accepted through the Limited Open Enrollment program will attend school in PISD at no charge. (Please note that elected courses, lab courses, etc. often require class fees, which are required of any student, regardless of whether he or she is a resident or not.)
Why is Pasadena ISD allowing students from outside the district to attend school here free of charge?	Even though the parents of students who enroll through this program pay no taxes, Limited Open Enrollment generates more revenue for our district. Current State of Texas Public School Funding relies heavily on local property taxes, and the only additional revenue schools can generate is by increased enrollment. Open Enrollment will bring in more students, therefore increasing local funds.
How does Limited Open Enrollment work?	Parents of a child living outside Pasadena ISD must complete an application form and submit it, along with all required documents, to the district. The Superintendent will establish an enrollment period during which applications will be accepted. The District will designate program areas, including the campus and grade level, where space is available for Limited Open Enrollment students to enroll. Once an application is received, an Application Review Panel of administrators will evaluate it and determine whether the student's application will be approved. Before an application receives final approval, it is also approved by the campus principal.
Will accepting students into the District through Limited Open Enrollment cause our buildings to be overcrowded?	No. The District will limit the number of students accepted into the district through this program to ensure buildings will not be overcrowded.
How many non-resident students will be accepted?	The District will accept as many non-resident students as space will allow with consideration and priority given to space for future District residents.
Where can I get an enrollment application form?	The Limited Open Enrollment form is available on the district's website (www1.pasadenaisd.org). Forms are also available at the PISD Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook Lane, Pasadena, TX 77502. Once completed, the application and all required documents should be returned to Student Services located at the PISD Administration Building.
Other than the application for Limited Open Enrollment, are there any other documents that must be submitted in order for my child's application to be reviewed.	Yes. Parents/guardians are required to include a copy of the student's final report card, attendance history, and discipline history from the student's previous school with their application. In addition, if a student received Special Education services at their previous school then the most recent ARD document is also required.
Which grade levels are eligible for Limited Open Enrollment?	Applications are being accepted for students in grades Kindergarten - 12th Grade. Prekindergarten students are only eligible to apply if they meet the enrollment criteria set forth by the Texas Education Agency. A transfer that would limit the educational opportunities of resident students shall not be approved.
Which schools can students attend through the Limited Open Enrollment Program?	Currently, the following schools are capped due to overcrowding and therefore MAY NOT BE ACCEPTING students through the Limited Open Enrollment Program. High Schools: Dobie and Sam Rayburn Intermediate Schools: Bondy and Thompson Elementary Schools: Pomeroy
What factors will be reviewed when accepting students into the Limited Open Enrollment Program?	Attendance, discipline, academic success, and availability of campus/program space requested will be reviewed. A student will be required to show proof of acceptable attendance. Ten or less absences during the school year prior to the application and during the time of enrollment in Pasadena ISD is required. A student who was assigned to a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or had excessive discipline referrals during the school year prior to the application will not be considered for the program.

When will I know if my child's application for enrollment has been accepted?	Parents of applicants will receive a letter of acceptance or non-acceptance. If accepted, the letter will specify the campus assignment.
Are siblings of a student accepted into the District through Limited Open Enrollment automatically considered for enrollment?	No. Siblings must apply and will be held to the same criteria for enrollment as the first student.
I have more than one child that I would like to attend Pasadena ISD through the Limited Open Enrollment program. Do I have to submit a separate application for each child.	Yes. An application is required for each potential student. This is required because each student is applying for a specific empty seat, in a specific grade or program, at a specific campus. There is no guarantee that siblings will be approved to attend Pasadena ISD. Each application is reviewed separately.
Once a student is allowed into the district through the Limited Open Enrollment program, how long can the student stay?	After a student is accepted and allowed to enroll in our district, the student is considered a Pasadena ISD student and may remain in our district through graduation, subject to compliance with the transfer agreement.
Will transportation be provided for my child?	No. Parents of children who enroll through the Limited Open Enrollment Program are responsible for transporting their children to and from school in Pasadena ISD.
My child participates in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities at his/her current school. Will he/she be eligible to continue participating in Pasadena?	Students who participate in U.I.L. academic and music events such as debate, band, or choir will be immediately eligible to participate in those same events in Pasadena ISD (as long as the student is eligible under District and U.I.L. general eligibility requirements). However, non-resident students participating in high school varsity athletics must be enrolled in Pasadena ISD for the entire calendar year before they may compete. This rule does not apply to junior varsity, 9th grade, or junior high teams. In other words, a varsity athlete must sit out one year before becoming eligible to participate in U.I.L. sanctioned athletic events. For more information regarding UIL eligibility, please refer to the following links on the District's webpage. LINK #1 - 2017-18 UIL Rules ; LINK #2 - Athletics PAPF (Previous Athletic Participation Form) ; LINK #3 - Athletics Residency Waiver Form
What if a student who enrolls through Limited Open Enrollment repeatedly violates district rules?	Board Policy (FDA Local) states that the student must follow all rules and regulations of the district, including but not limited to, District policies and regulations, the Student Code of Conduct, and attendance requirements. Violations of terms of agreement may result in a transfer request not being approved the following year.
How do I renew my previously approved application?	Transfers are approved on an annual basis. An application for a student transfer must be submitted each year during the Limited Open Enrollment period established by the Superintendent. Transfer requests will be denied if not submitted by the due date. Violations of terms of agreement may result in a transfer request not being approved the following year.