



Enrolling your child in Queen Creek Unified schools provides a high-quality experience that cultivates rigorous learning, instills valuable leadership skills, and imparts lifelong lessons crucial for their future. Queen Creek Unified is a place where students give and earn respect, practice kindness, and lead with integrity. We are here to educate the whole child and help them reach their full potential! School choice empowers you to craft a personalized learning experience that resonates with your child's unique qualities and interests.

Open Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is open enrollment?

Open enrollment is a form of school choice that allows students to select and apply to a school of their choice rather than attending one based on where they live. If you live outside our school district boundaries, you may apply for enrollment to attend your school of choice. Open enrollment, a program enacted by the Arizona legislature, requires all school districts to allow students the opportunity to select a school of their choice if capacity and programming permit (A.R.S. §15-816.01). The Queen Creek Unified School District complies with all provisions of the statute.

Who needs to apply for open enrollment?

Anyone who does not reside within the boundaries of the school they would like their child to attend must apply for Open Enrollment. Acceptance is based on classroom and program capacity.

2. When will open enrollment begin?

Open Enrollment applications can be submitted year-round.

3. What is the application process?

- Fill out the open enrollment application.
- Submit it to the school for which you want to open enroll.
- Notification will be provided to all applicants who submit completed application forms to the requested school.
- You can complete the official enrollment process via our online enrollment portal if approved.

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4. Can my child ride the bus if he/she is on open enrollment?

The district does not provide transportation for students with open enrollment status.

5. Why might my application be denied?

- If the site has reached its capacity regarding classroom and/or program space, you may be placed on a waiting list
- If registration requirements are incomplete



- If a student has been expelled or is in current disciplinary action from a previous school/district
- If enrollment is in violation of a court order or agreement stating the district of residence requirements

6. Do we have to re-apply each year?

Open enrollment applications do not need to be filled out each year for returning open enrollment students; unless they choose to apply or are moving up to another QCUSD school, in which case they will need to complete a new application.

7. Do you offer automatic acceptance for siblings?

Per Policy 5-105. The District shall give enrollment preference to and reserve capacity for all the following:

- Students who are children of persons who are employed full-time by a school in the District
- Students returning to the school from the prior year
- Siblings of students already enrolled the previous year
- Students classified as homeless who choose to remain at the school in which the student was enrolled before classification

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8. Can the enrollment be revoked?

Students not complying with the school rules may have their open enrollment revoked.

9. Can my students participate in athletics programs?

Students enrolling under open enrollment procedures may not be eligible for participation in AIA events. Interested students and parents should ask for clarification from the school they wish to attend.

10. Will there be a waitlist?

When a grade level or program has reached capacity, the site will begin a waitlist for open enrollment requests on a first-come, first-served basis.