

Option Enrollment FAQs

What is “option enrollment”

Families who do NOT reside in the Westside school district may request that their child(ren) attend our schools through the process of “option enrollment.”

How do I apply for option enrollment?

You can apply electronically or print the paper form at westside66.org. Applications are accepted from **September 1 - March 15** for the school year that begins the following August.

Can I still apply for the current school year?

If space is available in a grade/program, it may be possible.

Will I have a better chance of being accepted if I apply early?

No. Applications are taken through March 15 and the date received is not considered.

What are my chances of getting accepted?

We typically receive more applications than we have space 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.

Can I receive transportation under option enrollment?

Maybe, You must qualify for transportation under option enrollment guidelines.

How is it decided who is accepted for option enrollment?

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

1. Siblings of currently attending students
2. Students who reside in Douglas or Sarpy county and contribute to the socioeconomic diversity at the building
3. Other students who reside in Douglas or Sarpy county
4. Students residing outside of Douglas or Sarpy county in Nebraska

Where do I send the completed paper form?

Send forms to kersten.kaitlyn@westside66.net or mail to Student Services, Westside Community Schools, 909 So 76 St Omaha, NE 68114.

When will I know if my child has been accepted?

We will send a letter no later than **April 1** to each applicant to let you know whether or not your student has been accepted to attend under option enrollment.

If I call before April 1, can you tell me if my child(ren) has been approved?

We will not notify families early.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Contact Katie at 402-390-2107 or kersten.kaitlyn@westside66.net