



## OPEN ENROLLMENT

**The number of available seats is determined by an annual assessment of every school based on new housing and other demographic trends in the local attendance area.**

The Los Angeles Unified School District's Open Enrollment Program is a state-mandated policy that enables students anywhere in the district to apply to designated specified schools away from their home attendance area that have open available seats.

In recent years the availability of "open enrollment" seats has declined steadily as the district's overall enrollment has increased. During the 2000-2001 school year, an estimated 5,383 seats were available at approximately 116 schools in the district.

The district does not provide school bus transportation for the open enrollment program. Thus, district officials suggest that parents take into account the driving time between their areas of residence and the schools they are requesting.

Open enrollment transfers are issued on a space-available basis only. No student living in a particular school attendance area will be displaced by students who request open enrollment transfers. At the secondary level, priority is given to current open enrollment students who wish to continue attending schools in the same feeder school pattern, which follows the district's general student transfer policies.

Parents may apply for open enrollment transfers to as many schools as they wish. If parents are applying to send several children to the same school, they must complete a separate application for each child.

The application process typically occurs during May for the following school year. A list of schools with open enrollment seats is usually available in the main office of any school, beginning in late April or early May. Once the application period ends in late May, schools with more applications than seats available will hold random-selection drawings to determine who will receive invitations to enroll. Schools where applications have been submitted will notify parents if drawings are necessary and also provide information about the drawing locations and times. Parents may attend the drawings if they wish. Call (213) 625-6414 for the names of participating schools and their open enrollment numbers.



Open enrollment is coordinated by the School Management Services Office as alternatives to resident schools. Call (213) 625-6414 for the names of participating schools and the number of openings.