

2006-2007 Enrollment fact sheet

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Non-resident agreements

Students who do not live in the Mounds View District may apply for enrollment through a non-resident agreement. Typical reasons for a non-resident request include:

- Recent move outside of District.
- Daycare provider is within District.
- Siblings already attend a District school.
- Employee lives outside of the District.
- Educational desire to attend Mounds View Public Schools.

Non-resident agreements are approved on a space-available basis and are continued dependent upon appropriate student behavior and attendance. Enrollment is granted through the student's current grade level (elementary, middle or high school). However, applications are reviewed during transition years (fifth grade into sixth grade and eighth grade into ninth grade). The state does not impose a minimum or maximum number of non-resident agreements a school district can have.

Applications are accepted year-round; however, there is a priority deadline of February 1 for 2006-2007 fall enrollment. Applicants will be notified on the status of their application by February 15. If enrollment is not approved, families can reapply for reconsideration after February 15.

Open enrollment

Open enrollment is a separate, state-mandated process that guarantees enrollment in a district through graduation for non-resident students unless they are at least 16-years-old and are habitually truant. Districts are required to follow one of two options:

Option 1 – Districts can open enroll the equivalent of one percent of the students in the grade requested (one for every 100 students).

Option 2 – Districts can open enroll a number of students equivalent to the number of students who are leaving that grade level at that school to accept open enrollment in another district.



If either of these options are zero, the school district is not required to accept any open enrollments at that grade level at that school. Mounds View Public Schools currently accepts the minimum number of open enrollments required by the state. These students must apply by January 15. Application status notifications are given by February 15. If open enrollment is approved, students must accept the offer by March 1. Families who apply for open enrollment are also sent an invitation to apply for a non-resident agreement.

Intra-district transfers

Resident students of Mounds View Public Schools may apply to attend a school that is outside their school's attendance boundaries, yet still within the District. Applications for an intra-district transfer may be made based on the following reasons:

- Intent to change residency – if the student's parent or guardian intends to move to a new residence within the school year and designates a mailing address for their new residence. Families must provide proof of intent to move, such as an accepted purchase, lease or rental agreement.
- Daycare – if the student will be receiving daycare in the attendance area of a school other than the student's designated school.
- Siblings – if the student's sibling already attends the school requested.
- Employee request – an explanation must be provided.
- A compelling educational reason – an explanation must be provided.

Like non-resident agreements, intra-district transfers are approved on a space-available basis; however, intra-district transfer requests are processed prior to new non-resident agreement applications.

Applications are accepted year-round. The application deadline for 2006-2007 fall enrollment is February 1. Applicants will be notified on the status of their application by February 15.



How to apply

Application forms are available in every school office and at the Snail Lake Education Center, 350 Highway 96 West, Shoreview, MN 55126. Call 651-604-9782 for more information. Forms must be returned to the Student Enrollment Office at Snail Lake Education Center.

Application deadlines

| | Application Deadline | Application Status Notification |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Non-resident Agreements | February 1, 2006 | February 15, 2006 |
| Open Enrollment | January 15, 2006 | February 15, 2006 |
| Intra-district Transfer | February 1, 2006 | February 15, 2006 |

FAQ's

Why are you accepting applications for non-resident enrollment?

1. We have room.

Many District programs have moved from other leased sites into school buildings to save money. Despite these new occupants, many schools still have the capacity to accommodate more students.

2. We can meet a demand.

For years, Mounds View's reputation as an exceptional district has attracted interest from non-resident students. Accepting more non-resident students can meet this demand and increase enrollment and the revenue it takes to offer more opportunities for all students.

3. We are experiencing increased competition.

As enrollment levels decline for many metro-area districts, the competition for attracting students already exists. Inviting non-residents to apply for enrollment keeps Mounds View Public Schools on an even playing field with other districts that are already welcoming our students into their schools.

Can non-residents pick the school they wish to attend?

Non-resident applicants are asked to indicate their top two school choices. An application does not guarantee that the student's enrollment or school choice will be approved. Intra-district transfer requests receive priority processing over new non-resident applications.

Who determines if a non-resident request or an intra-district transfer request is granted or not?

Enrollment decisions are made by the school principals in collaboration with the District's central administration. Together, they will determine the number of students admitted to a school, using the School Board's approved maximum class size ranges as guides.

Will increased non-resident enrollment create larger class sizes?

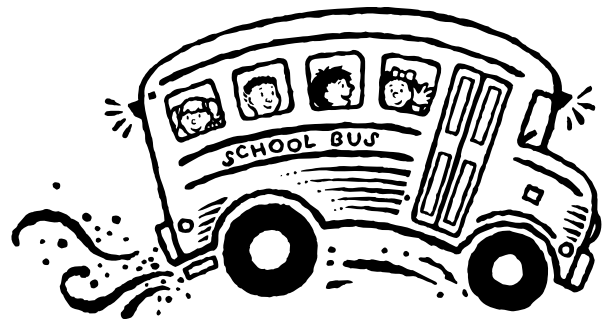
Not necessarily. If enrollment and per-pupil revenue both grow to sufficient levels, extra class sections may be added along with additional teachers to subsequently lower the class sizes. If the revenue is not sufficient to add class sections, yet enrollment is slightly higher, a temporary increase in class sizes may occur. However, class sizes would not increase beyond a predetermined maximum threshold established by the School Board.

Will non-resident students create a larger school tax burden on residents?

No. Resident taxpayers do not pay levy taxes on non-resident students.

Who can receive transportation?

By law, the District is required to offer free transportation to resident students who live two miles or more from school. The inefficiencies of busing students outside of our district prevent us from offering this service to non-residents.



Transportation Opportunities

| | Free transportation | Fee-for-service |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Non-resident Agreements | Not available* | Not available* |
| Open Enrollment | By state law, free transportation is provided only if nearest in-District bus stop is two miles or more from school. Students must travel to nearest in-District bus stop. | Available only if nearest in-District bus stop is within two miles from school. Students must travel to nearest in-District bus stop. |
| Intra-district Transfer | Not available* | Not available* |

* **Daycare provision:** If a student's daycare provider is within the school's attendance area, transportation is available as follows. Free transportation is available if the daycare provider is located two miles or more from school. Fee-for-service transportation is available if the daycare provider is located within two miles of school.