



Elk Grove Unified School District
AB 1114 – Parental Choice

2021-2022 Open Enrollment Results and Recommendations

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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Open Enrollment Guidelines

- The Open Enrollment Agreement applies only to the student making request
- The agreement does not extend to siblings
- Once enrolled in a school of choice, a student does not have to reapply for admission to that school; however, he/she must apply to attend a school of choice at the next level (i.e., middle school to high school)
- Parents must provide transportation for Open Enrollment students

Open Enrollment: Overview

- The Open Enrollment period ran from January 27 to February 5, 2021
- Auto-dialer calls, emails, and ParentVUE notifications announcing Open Enrollment were made to families of all current 6th – 11th grade students
- Open Enrollment information was posted on the District's website and social media sites

Open Enrollment Results Summary

The district received 1,162 requests for Open Enrollment. Requests have continued to decrease over time. Below are requests from the past four years:

- 2020 = 1,310 requests
- 2019 = 1,384 requests
- 2018 = 1,479 requests
- 2017 = 1,527 requests

Three schools had incoming transfer request rates exceeding 5%; the same as last year

Four other schools had outgoing transfer request rates exceeding 5%; the same as last year

Requests To School		Requests From School	
Edward Harris, Jr.	5.7%	Samuel Jackman	-5.9%
Elizabeth Pinkerton	10.3%	James Rutter	-11%
Cosumnes Oaks	7.1%	Florin	-5.2%
		Valley	-5.3%

2021-2022 Middle School Open Enrollment Data Results

Middle Schools	Projected 2021-2022 Enrollment (Does Not Include SCC)	Number of Requests To School	Number of Requests From School	Net Impact of Students	2019-2020 Percent Impact	2020-2021 Percent Impact	2021-2022 Percent Impact
Katherine Albiani	1,507	0	21	-21	-1.4%	-1.50%	-1.4%
Harriet Eddy	1,059	63	62	1	-1.0%	1.40%	0.1%
Edward Harris, Jr.	1,117	176	112	64	11.3%	10.90%	5.7%
Samuel Jackman	968	8	65	-57	-9.9%	-9.30%	-5.9%
Toby Johnson	1,318	0	22	-22	-3.1%	-2.50%	-1.7%
Joseph Kerr	736	63	36	27	4.3%	3.10%	3.7%
Elizabeth Pinkerton	931	127	31	96	14.7%	9.90%	10.3%
James Rutter	993	10	119	-109	-15.5%	-16.60%	-11.0%
T. R. Smedberg	1,021	63	42	21	2.0%	3.30%	2.1%

2021-2022 High School Open Enrollment Data Results

High Schools	Projected 2021-2022 Enrollment (Does Not Include SCC)	Number of Requests To School	Number of Requests From School	Net Impact of Students	2019-2020 Percent Impact	2020-2021 Percent Impact	2021-2022 Percent Impact
Cosumnes Oaks	2,013	191	48	143	9.8%	10.4%	7.1%
Elk Grove	1,686	90	52	38	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%
Florin	1,746	8	99	-91	-8.2%	-7.1%	-5.2%
Franklin	2,867	0	62	-62	-2.9%	-2.7%	-2.2%
Laguna Creek	2,072	83	98	-15	-1.5%	-1.5%	-0.7%
Monterey Trail	2,287	151	104	47	4.1%	3.9%	2.1%
Pleasant Grove	2,918	0	44	-44	-2.5%	-2.9%	-1.5%
Sheldon	2,337	119	40	79	4.6%	3.7%	3.4%
Valley	1,795	10	105	-95	-7.4%	-6.9%	-5.3%

Survey Data Results

Survey of primary reason for Open Enrollment was incorporated into application

Parents were asked to identify the single most important reason for the Open Enrollment request

Reasons cited for transfer were:

Selected Reasons	RESPONSES				
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Courses or program not offered at current school i.e., Career, Academic, International Baccalaureate, etc.	318	354	359	319	239
More Challenging instructional program at requested school	303	279	233	242	160
Specific Safety/Security issue pertaining to your child at current school	75	77	56	75	80
General perceptions of current school's safety and security	63	85	73	86	47
Child care in proximity to requested school	235	203	225	226	180
Employment in proximity to requested school	77	74	94	96	80
Newer Facility	14	9	12	6	5
Student's peer group/friends	98	137	90	120	94
Athletic program	45	35	35	38	33
School Staff	24	26	16	35	27

Suggested Follow-Up Actions

- Continue the distribution and analysis of a targeted follow-up survey to parents of applicants, especially in regards to specific safety responses
- Continue work promoting regional activities and connections between sites
- Continue supporting principals in developing strong programs at their sites
- Maintain Marketing Campaign, Outreach and Regional Branding
- Continue Staffing Augmentation to designated schools

Open Enrollment Caps

At the January 20, 2021 Board Workshop, the Board approved Open Enrollment caps at three schools

Of these schools, Cosumnes Oaks High School will need to impose the approved cap

School	Net Cap	Net Impact of Transfer Requests
Cosumnes Oaks High School	100	143
Monterey Trail High School	50	46
Sheldon High School	100	79

Open Enrollment Considerations:

For the past 13 years, the Board has approved a cap of 5%, limiting the number of students leaving any single school to ensure that every school enrolls sufficient students to maintain a comprehensive instructional program

In order to ensure program stability at all schools, it is recommended that a cap again be approved this year for schools losing more than 5% of enrollment through Open Enrollment transfer

These schools are:

- Samuel Jackman Middle School
- James Rutter Middle School
- Valley High School
- Florin High School

Open Enrollment Random Selection Process Recommendations

Should the Board approve the 5% cap, it will be determined through a computerized random selection process which students will enroll at their schools of choice

The selection process also will determine which 100 students will be allowed to transfer to Cosumnes Oaks high school, pursuant to the cap.

Open Enrollment Timeline

Tuesday, March 2, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If approved, Random Selection Process conducted
Week of March 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notification of Open Enrollment acceptance sent to students and parents
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for parents to accept or decline Open Enrollment Agreement to requested school via ParentVUE

Open Enrollment

Board Action Requested:

- Approve Open Enrollment transfers from schools with fewer than 5% transfer requests.
- Impose a 5% cap limiting the number of students who would be allowed to transfer from Samuel Jackman and James Rutter middle schools and from Florin and Valley high schools.
- Approve an Open Enrollment random selection process, to be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021:
 - Determine which students from schools whose requests exceed 5% will be allowed to transfer to their schools of choice.
 - Identify 100 students who will Open Enroll into Cosumnes Oaks High School.