

420 OPEN ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The School Board is dedicated to maintaining the one class section per grade level and class sizes that will continue to promote the tradition of academic excellence at Woods School. The enrollment numbers listed have been determined through consultation with our professional teaching staff, community members and administration. This policy shall be administered in accordance with the state public school open enrollment law.

Nonresident Open Enrollment Students

A nonresident student may apply for full-time enrollment in Geneva Joint #4 School District under the open enrollment program in accordance with state law. Geneva Joint #4 School District shall consider the following criteria when accepting or rejecting a nonresident student's application for full-time enrollment:

Geneva Joint #4 School District will consider the availability of space, teacher-student ratios, and enrollment projections for Woods School and will accept nonresident open enrollment students if enrollment falls below the following class sizes:

4K	20
Kindergarten	20
1 st Grade	20
2 nd Grade	20
3 rd Grade	20
4 th Grade	20
5 th Grade	20
6 th Grade	21
7 th Grade	21
8 th Grade	21

If a resident student moves out of the Geneva Joint #4 School District, they must reapply for admission to the District under the guidelines permitted in the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program. Readmission is not guaranteed, but the resident student leaving the District will be given preference if they meet the criteria stated in this Policy regarding availability of space and available programming.

Geneva Joint #4 School District will not accept a student who has been expelled by a school district during the current school year or preceding two school years for conduct or who has disciplinary proceedings pending on such conduct. (Conduct specified in the law includes endangering the health, safety or property of others under certain conditions, conveying or causing to be conveyed a "bomb" threat involving school property, and possessing a "dangerous weapon" while at school or under the supervision of a school authority.

Geneva Joint #4 School District will not accept a student if any of the above disciplinary actions occur after initial acceptance of the student and prior to the student starting school in Geneva Joint #4 School District.

Geneva Joint #4 School District will not accept students with exceptional educational needs if the district does not have the program to meet the students' needs or if acceptance of an exceptional needs student exceeds the maximum caseload of the special needs program. Maximum caseload will be determined by the method approved the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (See 420 Exhibit 1). Under new statutory provisions, the District will declare space available for applicants with exceptional educational needs if the current enrollment, or projected enrollment, in the Special Education Program does not exceed 85% of the recommended full caseload in accordance with the guidelines of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

If a nonresident student's IEP changes after the student begins attending Geneva Joint #4 School District and the special education program or services required by that IEP are not available in Geneva Joint #4 School District or there is no space available in the special education program identified in the IEP, the Geneva Joint #4 School District will discontinue allowing the student to attend school in the district.

Geneva Joint #4 School District will not accept a student who has been reported or identified as having a possible exceptional educational need (EEN) but not yet evaluated by a multidisciplinary (evaluation) team in the resident district.

If an open enrolled pupil becomes habitually truant, Geneva Joint #4 School District may prohibit the pupil from attending the district in the succeeding semester or school year. Geneva Joint #4 School District will not accept an applicant that was habitually truant from the district during any semester of attendance during the current or previous school year.

If Geneva Joint #4 School District receives more nonresident applications for a particular grade than there are spaces available in the grade, there will be a random drawing conducted to determine acceptance and/or rejection.

Children of current, non-resident employees will be guaranteed admission as open enrollment applicants.

Preference will be given to open enrollment applicants who have siblings already attending Woods School under the open enrollment program.

Once a nonresident student is accepted as an open enrollment student in the district, the student will not have to reapply for open enrollment at any time.

Nonresident open enrollment students attending school in the Geneva Joint #4 School District have all the rights and privileges of resident students and are subject to the same rules and regulations as resident students.

Part-time open enrollment does not apply to the Geneva Joint #4 School District since part-time open enrollment is only available at the high school level.

Resident Open Enrollment Students

Resident students may apply for full-time enrollment in another public school district in accordance with state law.

Transportation

Transportation will not be provided for nonresident, open enrollment students to attend classes at Woods School. In addition, the Geneva Joint #4 School District prohibits resident students from receiving transportation from another district to attend their schools. Furthermore, other districts are expressly forbidden from entering the boundaries of the Geneva Joint #4 School District to provide transportation to Geneva Joint #4 School District resident students who are attending schools in another district through the Open Enrollment Program.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Sections: 118.13, 118.51, 118.52, 121.54(10),
121.58(2)(a)
Chapter 115, Subchapter V

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