THOSE WHO NEED TO APPLY

Families who do not live in the Northwest Suburban Integration School District (NWSISD) and would like their student to attend a District 279 magnet school.

NWSISD Member Districts:
- Anoka-Hennepin School District
- Brooklyn Center Schools
- Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools
- Elk River Area School District
- Fridley Public Schools
- ISD 279—Osseo Area Schools
- Rockford Public Schools

ABOUT MAGNET SCHOOLS

Magnet schools offer specialized curricular themes and instructional methods that are attractive options for students and families. The exciting nature of the theme curriculum has a broad appeal and meets the needs and interest of a diverse population of students. The teaching methods of the magnet schools address the diverse learning styles of students.

Magnet schools attract students with similar interests across geographic, racial and socio-economic lines so they form new “learning neighborhoods” that are naturally diverse. Students who choose to attend a particular school are more likely to stay engaged in learning and to succeed in all areas.

APPLICATION WINDOW DEADLINES

JANUARY 15, 2018
MARCH 9, 2018
MAY 4, 2018

Applications received after May 4, 2018, will be processed as received.

TRANSPORTATION

When students are approved to attend a school through a Non-member Transfer Application, transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. However, transportation may be provided from an existing bus stop that serves the approved school under the following conditions:

1. The student registers for bus service each school year and is approved to use an existing bus stop.
2. Space is available on existing bus routes.
3. Parents accept ultimate responsibility for ensuring that their student can get safely to and from the assigned bus stop.

Note: Existing bus stops are located within each school’s attendance area and are not guaranteed to be in a convenient location for your student. From time to time, enrollments change, bus routes change, and available seats on bus routes change.

Consider your options carefully if your student is dependent upon District transportation to attend school.

Send this application to:
Enrollment Center
ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
Fax: (763) 585-7368
Email: enrollmentcenter@district279.org
TO BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. Determine your resident district by using the DISTRICT MAP at www.district279.org, or by contacting the Enrollment Center at (763) 585-7350 or enrollmentcenter@district279.org. If your address is inside of NWSISD (see member districts below), please apply through The Power of Choice Application at www.nws.k12.mn.us.

   NWSISD member districts: Anoka-Hennepin School District, Brooklyn Center Schools, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools, Elk River Area School District, Fridley Public Schools, ISD 279—Osseo Area Schools, Rockford Public Schools

2. Select the schools that you are interested in. **A list of the District 279 magnet schools is included on the next page.** Choices will be considered in the order that they are listed on your application.

   To attend a District 279 attendance area school, please apply through ATTENDANCE AREA SCHOOL CHOICE.

   Finally, complete the Non-member District Transfer Application attached to this packet. An application must be completed for each student who wishes to attend an alternate attendance area school. **To have the best chance of acceptance to your school(s) of choice, please submit your application to the Enrollment Center by JANUARY 15, 2018.**

### APPLICATION TIMELINE

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### APPROVAL GUIDELINES

Non-member District Transfer Applications are approved on a space-available basis. A lottery (random selection) will be used if the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available.

The Non-member District Transfer Application process is governed by the Minnesota Department of Education Enrollment Options Program (Minnesota Statute §124D.03).

All first choice schools will be considered first, remaining spots will be filled by the second choice, and then lastly by the third choice.

### WAITING POOL

Applications not selected for approval will automatically be entered in a waiting pool for consideration in the next application window or as space becomes available when disapproved after May 4, 2018. After our 3rd lottery, applications in the waiting pool are selected in order of date received.
### Elementary Schools

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Birch Grove is a place to learn and grow with and through the arts. Every day classroom teachers teach academic subjects through various arts connections. It’s very common to see students role-playing, drawing, singing, chanting, improvising, or moving as they learn math, language arts, reading, social studies, science, or health. Plus, arts specialists integrate skills and content from academic classrooms into their arts lessons.

In traditional elementary schools there are always a few teachers who embrace an arts-rich philosophy, but even greater power comes when the entire school community is Learning through our Passion for the Arts!

### Middle Schools

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<td>North View Middle School - An IB World School</td>
<td>Grades 6-8 ► 8:10 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.</td>
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<td>Grades 6-8</td>
<td>5869 69th Avenue North</td>
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North View Middle School Middle Years Programme (MYP) Grades 6-8 will provide students an opportunity to develop the skills, attitudes and knowledge needed to participate actively and responsibly in an increasingly global society. The MYP includes eight subject areas: Language A (English), Language B (another world language), Humanities, Sciences, Mathematics, the Arts, Physical Education and Technology which will be based on current Osseo district curriculum.

Brooklyn Middle School—STEAM Grades 6-8 A Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) magnet immerses students in a series of learning experiences that foster interaction and investigation. Students use technology and virtual studies to solve problems in new ways. Partnerships with organizations like the Science Museum of Minnesota and programs like Project Lead the Way help to provide an innovative and creative framework for a deeply engaging education.

### Senior High Schools

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<td>Park Center Senior High - Health Science</td>
<td>Grades 9-12 ► 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>317 Second Avenue NW Osseo, MN 55369</td>
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Park Center Senior High Middle Years Programme (MYP) Grade 9 is the culmination of the MYP begun at North View. It is based on three fundamental principles; holistic learning, intercultural awareness, and communication. Students in the MYP become more knowledgeable while better understanding how all their learning is connected. They learn to take risks, to see things from more than one perspective, and to communicate what they learn with others. As a result, students become highly adaptable learners able to thrive in the face of a quickly changing and challenging world. In addition, the MYP provides a foundation for students who choose to enter an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP) in 11th and 12th grade.

Osseo Senior High Health Science Grades 9-12 Develop future leaders in health/science/medical fields by offering themed, integrated curriculum and technical skill development through core academic learning as well as career and technical education that, when combined, will meet the needs and interests of a diverse group of learners. We will challenge and advance the knowledge of each individual and inspire and promote the highest level of achievement of all students.
Statewide Enrollment Options Form

Required form for all Minnesota school districts

Section 1: To be completed by one or both of the student’s parents or guardians

PARENTS: email, mail or fax this form to the superintendent’s office of the non-resident district where you would like your students to attend school. Complete one form per child per district to which you are applying. Do not mail to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). See separate instructions for important January 15 deadline information that may apply. Parents must currently live in Minnesota to submit this form.

Student Information

Student Name: Last            First:          Full Middle:

Will the student be at least age 5 and under age 21 by September 1 of the enrollment year?

☐ Yes  ☐ No.  If no, do not use this form unless the nonresident district has already qualified your student for early entrance to kindergarten. A separate enrollment options form is available for early childhood special education and open enrollment into voluntary pre–kindergarten programs.

Student’s resident school district name:

District #:          City:

District of choice (non-resident school district) name: ISD 279 - OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

District #: 279              City: Maple Grove          Mail, fax or e-mail contact: 763-585-7368

Student’s current grade level: Grade Level Desired: Desired Start Date:

Please rank the schools in the non-resident district that serve the desired grade level, in order of preference:

1. 2. 3.

Special Situations

☐ Sibling preference: student has a sibling currently open-enrolled in this non-resident district.
☐ Employee child preference: Student has parent or legal guardian who is a Minnesota resident who is an employee of the non-resident district.

☐ Family move: The student’s resident district changed after December 1 prior to the school year requested, waiving deadlines.

☐ Student is currently expelled under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.45 for a reason listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, Subdivision 1, which allows but does not require the nonresident district to deny the application.

☐ Student is a resident of City of Edina but the resident school district for the student’s Edina home is not Edina Public Schools. Student seeks enrollment in Edina Public Schools.

☐ Student is requesting a move into and/or a move out of a district that receives Achievement and Integration Revenue, waiving deadlines. You can check here if you do not know the answer to this: ☐

**Parent/legal guardian information**
The student must live with at least one parent/guardian who lives in Minnesota.

**Minnesota parent/guardian 1**
Last Name: First Name: MI:  
Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Phone:  
Street Address:  
City: State: MN ZIP:  

**Parent/guardian 2:**
Last Name: First Name: MI:  
Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Phone:  
Street Address:  
City: State: ZIP:  

☐ Student does not have two parents/guardians.

**Physical signature of at least one parent/guardian is required**
I hereby verify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of parent/legal guardian 1: Date:  
Signature of parent/legal guardian 2 (optional): Date:  

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do not disclose additional information to the non-resident district until a seat is offered in writing, at which time districts will request birthdate, records and other information such as special needs.
Section 2: To be completed by the non-resident district

**Non-resident district:** Notify parents/guardians in writing by February 15 (or no more than 90 days after receiving applications that come later through an Achievement and Integration School Choice Program) of approval or disapproval of application. If rejected, you must let families know legal reason for denial.

Families must accept or decline the offer by March 1 or 45 days later. After receiving the commitment to attend, the non-resident district must notify the resident district by March 15 (or 30 days after initial receipt if form filed after January 15) of the student’s intent to enroll. Report all counts of rejected applications and reasons to the Minnesota Department of Education by July 15.

**Date Application Received:**

- **District Name:** Osseo
- **District Number:** 279
- **District Contact Name:** Enrollment Center
- **Phone:** 763-585-7350

**Does the January 15 deadline apply?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, because:
  - ☐ One or both districts receive Achievement and Integration funding from MDE.
  - ☐ Family moved to resident district on December 1 or later.

**Will the student have priority in a lottery?**

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, this applicant has priority based on the following:
  - ☐ Sibling of currently open-enrolled student in this district.
  - ☐ MDE-approved Achievement and Integration school choice plan.
  - ☐ Child of Minnesota resident who is a district employee.
  - ☐ City of Edina resident whose resident school district is not Edina Public Schools, seeking entry to the district.

☐ APPROVED

☐ APPROVED BUT WITH A NONRESIDENT AGREEMENT for upcoming year that is mutually agreed upon by both districts. Enrollment will continue in subsequent years as open enrollment. (Nonresident district: keep documentation of the agreement.)

On the basis of information provided in the above application, and with respect to district policies and procedures, the above student will be assigned to:

- **School Building Name:**
- **Starting Date:**
- **Grade Level:**
☐ NOT APPROVED

The non-resident district has denied the request for open enrollment because of the following reason(s) allowed in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03. Check all that apply.

☐ The January 15 deadline applies and was not met; situations that would have waived the deadline are not present. See Statewide Enrollment Options Instructions or Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, subdivision 3.

☐ Statutory enrollment cap has been reached. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd.2)
☐ Grade is closed district-wide by board action. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 2 and subd.6)
☐ District has denied the application because of specific expulsion reasons allowed in law. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd.1)

NON-RESIDENT DISTRICT SIGNATURE:

Name of Superintendent/Responsible Authority Date:

NOTIFICATION TO RESIDENT DISTRICT

Non-resident district must notify resident district or last district of attendance. The nonresident district must notify the resident district by March 15 or 30 days later of the pupil's intent to enroll in the nonresident district. The same procedures apply to a pupil who applies to transfer from one participating nonresident district to another participating nonresident district.

DISTRICTS MAY NOT MODIFY THIS FORM, ADD DATA FIELDS OR CREATE ALTERNATIVE FORMATS
Statewide Enrollment Options Instructions

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS: Kindergarten through 12th-grade students (including 12th grade transition services) may apply to attend a public school outside of their resident district (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03) as long as the parent or legal guardian is currently living in Minnesota and the student is requesting to attend a regular Minnesota public school district. This Enrollment Options Program is not for inter-state transfers, Minnesota charter schools, or enrollment into a Minnesota alternative school for at-risk students. Use one application form per student per requested district. Complete and sign Section 1 of the Statewide Enrollment Options Form and send to the non-resident district’s superintendent’s office. Please do not send the form to the Minnesota Department of Education.

General age requirements are ages 5-21 (without high school diploma). Age 5 is by September 1 of enrollment year. Only use this form for early entrance to kindergarten if you have already received approval from the nonresident district to an early enrollment for your child. A separate Enrollment Options Form is available for families seeking to enroll their child in an Early Childhood Special Education program or state-funded voluntary pre-kindergarten.

Deadline. Applications must be sent to the non-resident district by January 15 in order to enroll in the following school year, unless:

- One or both districts has a Minnesota Department of Education Achievement and Integration plan, in which case there is no deadline and enrollment may begin at any time after notification of acceptance. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 4);
- OR, the student moved into the resident district on or later than December 1. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 7);
- OR, other unusual situations apply under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, subdivision 7.

Acceptance or denial of open enrollment cannot be based on previous academic achievement, athletic or other extracurricular ability, disabling conditions, proficiency in the English language, previous disciplinary proceedings or the student’s district of residence unless the resident district and non-resident district are working together in an MDE-approved Achievement and Integration School Choice Program. (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 6.) or the enrollment involves city of Edina residents whose resident district is not Edina Public Schools.

Families may indicate their preferences for school sites or programs within the district; if unavailable, districts will offer options in the family’s stated order of preference at other sites unless the grade level or open enrollment has been closed by board action. Families may apply in more than one district. Use one form per child per district.

Do not disclose specific special needs of students on the Statewide Enrollment Options Form; provide this information after an enrollment spot is offered.

Currently expelled students: Non-resident districts may, but are not required to, reject applications from students currently expelled as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.45, and Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03, subdivision 1.
**Notice of decision on the application:** You can expect to receive an approval or disapproval from the non-resident district by February 15, or, when applying through the waived deadlines for Achievement and Integration districts, 90 days after applying for the current or upcoming school year. (Do not apply for statewide enrollment options further in advance than for the upcoming school year.)

**Lotteries:** School districts that have more applications than they can accommodate must hold lotteries to determine which students will receive spots. Before a general lottery, a priority lottery must be held for siblings of currently open-enrolled students, students who are part of a Minnesota Department of Education approved Achievement and Integration plan, children of district employees who are Minnesota residents, and students who live in the City of Edina but whose resident school district is not Edina Public Schools and seek attendance there. Statewide Enrollment Options lottery procedures must be approved by local school board and posted on the school district website.

**If the non-resident district notifies you that your application has been accepted:**

Notify the non-resident district as to whether you are accepting the offer of enrollment by March 1, or, if you applied under a no-deadline situation, 45 days after notification. The non-resident district must notify the resident district that your student is changing enrollment by March 15 (or 30 days after notice from you that you are accepting the enrollment if the January 15 deadline did not apply). Visit the non-resident district office at least 10 days before the above starting date to complete all enrollment forms.

**Parents or guardians of students with special needs:** please contact the district about creating an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team as soon as possible after accepting an offer of enrollment in a non-resident district.

**Transportation:** The school district will give you information regarding transportation if you request it from a bus stop in that district. (Minn. Stat. § 123B.88, subd. 6; Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 8)

**Obligation to attend at least one year.** By accepting an enrollment options offer, your student is obligated to attend the non-resident district during the upcoming school year. You do not need to reapply in subsequent years for your student to remain enrolled unless you move out of your current district. If you move into another Minnesota non-resident school district, the student does not lose the seat but you do need to submit an updated Enrollment Options Form. Note: You do need to apply again for siblings but the siblings must be given a preference if open enrollments requests exceed available seats.

**Notify your resident district if you seek to return:** To return to your resident district after one year in the new district, notify your resident district that you are returning by January 15 for the following fall.

**If your application was denied, districts:**

1. Must indicate the provision in state law that applied.
2. Must report denied applications to the Minnesota Department of Education by July 15.
3. May inform you that your application was rejected because you missed the January 15 deadline. In this case, you can ask your resident district to form a non-resident agreement with the non-resident district for the upcoming year and such an agreement may be able to roll into a regular open enrollment for subsequent years. Districts are not required to enter into nonresident agreements.