

## OPEN ENROLLMENT ALTERNATIVE APPLICATIONS

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2011 Wisconsin Act 114 created an alternative application process in the Open Enrollment Program. Under Act 114, the parent of a pupil who wishes to attend a public school in a nonresident school district may, in lieu of applying during the annual open enrollment application period, submit an application to the school board of the nonresident school district that the pupil wants to attend if the pupil satisfies at least one of the criteria described below. Applications may be submitted to no more than three nonresident school boards in any school year. The pupil must meet one of the following criteria, and the parent must describe in the application the criteria that the pupil meets:

1. The resident school district determines that the pupil has been the victim of a violent criminal offense as defined by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) by rule.
2. The pupil is or has been a homeless pupil in the current or immediately preceding school year.
3. The pupil has been the victim of repeated bullying and harassment. This criterion requires that the parent has reported the bullying or harassment to the resident school board and, despite reporting the circumstances, the repeated bullying and harassment continues.
4. The place of residence of the pupil's parent or guardian and of the pupil has changed as a result of military orders.
5. The student has moved into this state.
6. The place of residence of the pupil has changed as a result of a court order or custody agreement or because the pupil was placed in a foster home or with a person other than the pupil's parent, or removed from a foster home or from the home of a person other than the pupil's parent.
7. The parent of the pupil, the resident school board, and the nonresident school board agree that attending school in the nonresident district is in the best interest of the pupil.
8. The parent of the pupil and the nonresident school board agree that attending school in the nonresident school district is in the best interests of the pupil, the resident school board notifies the parent that the pupil may not attend the nonresident school, and the parent appeals the resident school board's decision to DPI.

*Ref: Wisconsin Statutes 118.51  
2011 Wisconsin Act 114  
Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 36*

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