

**Topic**: Open Enrollment

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Purpose of this report: Provide information to inform open enrollment limits for the 2025-2026 school year

**Information**: This evaluation was conducted in response to Wisconsin Statute 118.51 that requires districts to designate, at the January board meeting, the number of spaces available in the district for open enrollment. The school board must identify open enrollment availability, "of space in the schools, programs, classes, or grades...in the January meeting of the school board".

Based on a comprehensive review, including but not limited to, the details linked in the attachments, it is determined that the Cudahy School District has space available in the general education classrooms at most grade levels in the majority of our schools. The special education program is at capacity based on the current caseload and workload of the current number of special education teachers employed and the capacity to meet the needs of our students. Please see the attached spreadsheet for details.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact is dependent on enrollment details. Please see our fiscal reports for details on our Revenue Limit calculation, per pupil categorical aid, and varied amounts for open enrolled students based on student learning needs.

For each regular education pupil, a state-set amount is transferred from the resident school district to the nonresident school district in the final state aid payment each year.

- Resident students bring about \$11,389 each in funding
- Regular education open enrolled students bring about \$8,962 each in funding.
- Special education open enrolled students bring in about \$13,814 per student.

**Recommendation:** The Administrative Team recommends that we open at total of 267 regular education seats and 0 Special Education.

## **Suggested Motions:**

- Motion to approve regular education open enrollment students for the 2025-2026 school year, up to the maximum recommended open enrollment space determination per grade level as indicated on the 2025-2026 Enrollment Projection Data chart.
- Motion to approve zero open enrollment students requiring cross-categorical special education services for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Motion to approve zero open enrollment students requiring speech and language services for the 2025-2026 school year.

## **Attachments:**

- Cudahy 2025-2026 Enrollment Projection Data Chart
- Cudahy Special Education and Speech Calculations
- Public School Open Enrollment Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Open Enrollment Transfer Amounts