

Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Student Enrollment

The district is not required to approve a transfer of a resident student, when more than three percent of the students residing in the district are attending a virtual public charter school not sponsored by the district. The district will semiannually, by October 1 and April 1, calculate the percentage of students residing in the district, who are attending a virtual public charter school not sponsored by the district. When the calculated percentage is more than three percent, the district will not approve a student's enrollment to such a virtual public charter school.

A parent¹ must give notice to the district in which the parent resides of their intent to enroll their student in a virtual public charter school. If the calculated percentage is three percent or less, or the district sponsors the desired virtual public charter school, the district will issue a notice of approval or choose not to respond.

If the calculated percentage is more than three percent and the desired virtual public charter school is not sponsored by the district, the district will issue a denial notice² within 10 calendar days of receiving notice from a parent and must include:

1. The notice the student is denied for enrollment to the virtual public charter school;
2. The percentage of students in the district that attend virtual public charter schools that are not sponsored by the district, based on the most recent calculation at the time the intent to enroll was received by the district;
3. A list of two or more other online options available to the student; and
4. A copy of OAR 581-026-0305 and OAR 581-026-0310.

When calculating the percentage, the district is only required to use data that is reasonably available to the district, including but not limited to the following for such calculation:

1. The number of students residing in the district enrolled in the schools within the district;
2. The number of students residing in the district enrolled in virtual and non-virtual public charter schools located in the district;
3. The number of students residing in the district enrolled in virtual public charter schools not sponsored by the district;
4. The number of home-schooled students residing in the district and who have registered with an educational service district; and
5. The number of students residing in the district enrolled in private schools located within the district.

A parent may appeal the district's denial for student enrollment to a virtual public charter school to the State Board of Education under OAR 581-026-0310.

If the student was enrolled in a virtual public charter school while living in another district and has maintained continuous enrollment in such school since moving into, and residing in this district, approval is not required.

¹ "Parent" means parent, legal guardian or person in parental relationship as defined in ORS 339.133.

² If a parent does not receive a notice of approval or disapproval from the district within 10 days of sending the notice of intent to enroll to the district, the student shall be deemed approved for enrollment by the district. (OAR 581-026-0305 (4))

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 338.125](#)

[OAR 581-026-0305](#)

[OAR 581-026-0310](#)