

## Open Enrollment FAQ

**Is the Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools accepting “new” open enrollment students for the 2025-2026 school year?**

Answer: Not in grades K-10, *and beginning with school year 2026-2027, the Johnstown Schools will no longer offer open enrollment to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.* The school district is expecting to experience increased enrollment of residential students in the coming years. It is essential that the district place reasonable controls on open enrollment to protect the quality of education for our residential students and not cause an increase in the district’s operational costs to the point that the local taxpayer would be negatively impacted.

**If I have an older sibling already open enrolled in Johnstown, am I able to open enroll my younger child who will be in kindergarten?**

Answer: No.

Our district must continue to put reasonable controls in place on open enrollment in order to protect the quality of education for our residential students and not cause an increase in the district’s operational costs to the point that the local taxpayer would be negatively impacted.

**If I am a paid employee of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, may I open enroll my child, or my grandchild, in the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District?**

Answer: Yes.

The school district, its board and administration, believes that it is important to extend to our staff who live outside of our district the opportunity to open enroll their children and grandchildren to our district as it promotes the employee’s interest and commitment to our district. Staff members, whose children and grandchildren are open enrolled in our school district, are much more likely to participate and lead afterschool activities within our district if they are not needing to leave immediately after work hours to travel to another school where their children may attend.

**I am a parent, with a current open enrolled student in Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools and a younger sibling who will be of kindergarten age next year, planning to move to the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District before next school year begins. May I enroll now?**

Answer: No

The parent must be able to provide proof of residence prior to enrolling their child and sign a notarized affidavit claiming that they meet all the legal requirements to be considered a district resident for school attendance purposes.

**If my child is open enrolled to the Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools in the current year, can I assume he/she will be accepted under open enrollment next school year?**

Answer: No

Parents of open enrolled students must apply each school year by the deadlines established by the district which are posted on our district website. Students are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis (based on date and time of applications received prior to deadline) only if it is determined by the district the class in which the student will be enrolled has room to accept said student. Every effort is made to retain those open enrolled students who are currently enrolled; but there is no guarantee. As residential student enrollment increases more restrictions on open enrollment will likely be necessary.

**We are planning to build a home in the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District which will be ready to move into during the next school year. May we open enroll our K-10 grade student for next year pending completion of our home?**

Answer: No

Until the parent can produce evidence that they reside in the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District their children would be open enrolled, and we are not accepting new open enrolled students K-10 for the 2025-2026 school year.

**My son/daughter is a residential student currently in Johnstown; but we are moving to XYZ community that is in another school district in April. May we open enroll our son/daughter for the remainder of this year and then enroll him/her at her new school district for next school year?**

Answer: This is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

Generally, the Superintendent will, in special circumstances, allow a student to complete the remainder of a school year if the change in residence occurs during the second semester. However, each case is unique and requires the parent to contact the district office for such approval.