

2026-27 Open Enrollment Billing Chart & Scenarios

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Tuition due from the resident district to the serving district for students served pursuant to open enrollment includes the budget year state cost per pupil of state aid and the following supplements: teacher leadership and compensation (TLC), professional development (PD), and early intervention childhood (EIC). If the student was included in the resident district’s October 2026 English Learner (EL) supplementary weighting calculation, funds due to the resident district for this purpose are also billable.

- **Billing:** Tuition is billed and paid on a semester basis (on or before February 15 and July 15) ([Iowa Code § 282.20\(3\)](#)). Tuition is prorated for students that attend less than a full year.

FY26 Amounts	Full Year (1.0 FTE)	1.0 FTE Per Diem	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE Per Diem	0.1 FTE	0.1 FTE Per Diem
State aid	\$8,148.00	\$45.27	\$2,444.40	\$13.58	\$814.80	\$4.53
TLC	\$393.00	\$2.18	\$117.90	\$0.66	\$39.30	\$0.22
PD	\$79.07	\$0.44	\$23.72	\$0.13	\$7.91	\$0.04
EIC	\$86.13	\$0.48	\$25.84	\$0.14	\$8.61	\$0.05
EL (Intermediate)	\$1,711.08	\$9.51	\$513.32	\$2.85	\$171.11	\$0.95
EL (Intensive)	\$2,118.48	\$11.77	\$635.54	\$3.53	\$211.85	\$1.18

- **Supplementary Weighting: Eligible Concurrent Enrollment (CE) and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Courses** – For CE supplementary weighting calculations:
 - The receiving district will use the fall and spring Student Reporting in Iowa (SRI) application data to generate their billings. The list of CE and PLTW courses eligible for inclusion in the generation of supplementary weighting is available under [Course Coding and Supplementary Weighting](#) on the Department’s [SRI](#) web page.
 - The resident district will use the CE and non-fall supplementary weighting applications to verify the amounts being billed.
- **Tuition Adjustments:**
 - Termination or Suspension of Open Enrollment – Under special circumstances that terminate or suspend open enrollment status, a district must prorate tuition for payment on a per diem basis.
 - Attendance Less Than a Full Year – Partial years should be based on a per diem rate (e.g., \$45.27), prorated for days served under open enrollment.
 - Competent Private Instruction (CPI) – For students who are under CPI for dual enrollment and are open enrolled in the district’s Home School Assistance Program, combine the appropriate rows in the billing chart below.
 - Transportation – The resident district may deduct transportation expenses incurred from the amount of tuition it sends to the receiving district. However, for a student with an IEP, the cost of transportation is not deducted from the special education tuition.

Program	State Aid	TLC	PD	EIC	EL	Eligible CE & PLTW Courses
Regular Education (Iowa Code § 282.18(7))	\$8,148 Daily Rate (DR) \$45.27	\$393.00 DR \$2.18	\$79.07 DR \$0.44	\$86.13 DR \$0.48	Intensive: \$2,118.48 DR \$11.77 Intermediate: \$1,711.08 DR \$9.51	Course weighting factor x percent of time the student is enrolled in the course x resident district's current school year's cost per pupil
Special Education (281 IAC 17.10)	Actual cost of the program, billed through the Special Education Billing (SEB) application	\$393.00 DR \$2.18	\$79.07 DR \$0.44	\$86.13 DR \$0.48	Intensive: \$2,118.48 DR \$11.77 Intermediate: \$1,711.08 DR \$9.51	Course weighting factor x percent of time the student is enrolled in the course x resident district's current school year's cost per pupil
Home School Dual Enrollment for K-8 (281 IAC 17.9(2))	\$814.80 DR \$4.53	\$39.30 DR \$0.22	\$7.91 DR \$0.04	\$8.61 DR \$0.05	Intensive: \$211.85 DR \$1.18 Intermediate: \$171.11 DR: \$0.95	Not applicable
Home School Dual Enrollment for Grades 9-12 Extracurricular Activities (281 IAC 17.9(2))	\$814.80 DR \$4.53	\$39.30 DR \$0.22	\$7.91 DR \$0.04	\$8.61 DR \$0.05	Not applicable	Not applicable
Home School Grades 9-12 Dual Enrollment for Academics (281 IAC 17.9(2))	Do not bill. Academic classes are included in the serving district's CE	Do not bill	Do not bill	Do not bill	Do not bill	Do not bill
Home School Assistance Program (281 IAC 17.9(3))	\$2,444.40 DR \$13.58	\$117.90 DR \$0.66	\$23.72 DR \$0.13	\$25.84 DR \$0.14	Not applicable	Not applicable

Program	State Aid	TLC	PD	EIC	EL	Eligible CE & PLTW Courses
Regular Education Student Attending CAM, Clayton Ridge, or Any District in Iowa with an Approved Online School (Iowa Code § 282.18)	\$8,148.00 DR \$45.27 The resident district may deduct up to \$200 per activity for up to two activities per year (as applicable).	\$393.00 DR \$2.18	\$79.07 DR \$0.44	\$86.13 DR \$0.48	Intensive: \$2,118.48 DR \$11.77 Intermediate: \$1,711.08 DR \$9.51	Course weighting factor x percent of time the student is enrolled in the course x resident district's current school year cost per pupil
Special Education Student Attending CAM, Clayton Ridge, or Any District in Iowa with Approved Online School (Iowa Code § 282.18(7))	Actual cost of the program. The resident district may deduct up to \$200 per activity for up to two activities per year (as applicable).	\$393.00 DR \$2.18	\$79.07 DR \$0.44	\$86.13 DR \$0.48	Intensive: \$2,118.48 DR \$11.77 Intermediate: \$1,711.08 DR \$9.51	Course weighting factor x percent of time the student is enrolled in the course x resident district's current school year cost per pupil, as long as the course is not part of the student's IEP requirements.

Billing Scenarios

Open enrollment applications filed after March 1 of the preceding school year must qualify for good cause or shall be subject to the approval of the board of the resident district and the board of the receiving district. Below are common open enrollment scenarios with the identified fiscal responsibilities.

Scenario Summary	Service Situation	Billing
Full year open enrollment	Student is a resident of District A and parent/guardian files for open enrollment to attend District B on or before March 1 (grades 1-12) or September 1 (for kindergarten or preschool student with an IEP). At the start of the year, the student starts attending District B and remains at District B.	If the student starts and remains at District B, District B bills District A for open enrollment tuition and applicable supplements.
Partial year open enrollment	Student is a resident of District A. The student starts school in District A, but open enrolls to District B during the school year.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem rate</i> for open enrollment costs, prorated for the days the student is served under open enrollment.

Scenario Summary	Service Situation	Billing
Partial year open enrollment	Student is a resident of District A. The student moves to District B, but open enrolls to District C during the school year.	District C will bill District B the <i>per diem rate</i> for open enrollment costs, prorated for the days the student is served under open enrollment.
Continuation in previous resident district - Move is before certified enrollment count date	Student is a resident of District A. The student moves to District B and continues to be served in District A under open enrollment.	Since the move is <i>before</i> October 1, District A will bill District B at a <i>per diem rate</i> for open enrollment costs for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment.
Continuation in previous resident district - Move is after certified enrollment count date	Student is a resident of District A. The student moves to District B and continues to be served in District A under open enrollment.	Since the move is <i>after</i> October 1, District A will not bill District B until the next school year. If District A did not count the student on their certified enrollment count for the year, District A will bill District B.
Continues open enrollment agreement during move - Move is before certified enrollment count date	Student is a resident of District A, but attends District B under open enrollment. Student moves to District C and continues to attend District B under the existing open enrollment agreement.	Since the move is <i>before</i> October 1, District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem rate</i> for open enrollment costs for the number of days the student is a resident of District A. District B will bill District C at a <i>per diem rate</i> for the remainder of the year.
Continues open enrollment agreement during move - Move is after certified enrollment count date	Student is a resident of District A, but attends District B under open enrollment. Student moves to District C and continues to attend District B under the existing open enrollment agreement.	Since the move is <i>after</i> October 1, District B will bill District A for open enrollment costs for the remainder of the year. District C will become responsible at the beginning of the next school year.
Continuation but moves to serving district	Student is a resident of District A, but attends District B under open enrollment. Family moves to District B and the student continues to be served in District B as a resident student thus terminating the open enrollment agreement.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem rate</i> for open enrollment costs for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment. No billing will occur after the move date.
Alternate receiving school district - Multi-year open enrollment	Student is a resident of District A, but has been attending District B for more than one year under open enrollment. After the start of the next school year, the student open enrolls to District C.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem rate</i> for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment in District B. District C will bill District A at a <i>per diem rate</i> for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment in District C.
Alternate receiving school district - Returns to district	Student is a resident of District A, and begins attending District B under open enrollment. In the same school year, the student returns to District A, then open enroll to District C.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem rate</i> for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment in District B. District C will bill District A at a <i>per diem rate</i> for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment in District C.

Scenario Summary	Service Situation	Billing
Alternate receiving school district - Does not return to district	Student is a resident of District A, but attends District B under open enrollment. After the school year begins, the student open enrolls to District C.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem</i> rate for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment in District B. District C will bill District A at a <i>per diem</i> rate for the number of days the student is served under open enrollment in District C.
Senior under open enrollment graduates – Completes senior year calendar	Student is a resident of District A and is open enrolled to District B. Student enrolled at the start of the school year and graduates on the date reflected in the school calendar for all seniors.	District B will bill District A for the full year open enrollment tuition costs.
Senior under open enrollment graduates midyear	Student is a resident of District A and is open enrolled to District B. Student enrolled at the start of the school year and graduates at the end of first semester.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem</i> rate for open enrollment costs, prorated for the days the student is served under open enrollment.
Whole grade sharing (WGS)	Student is a resident of District A and is open enrolled to District B. District B whole grade shares to District C for the student’s grade level.	Open enrollment status transfers from District B to District C. Resident district pays District C open enrollment tuition (not WGS tuition).
Special education, partial year	Student is a resident of District A and is open enrolled to District B. After the open enrollment agreement commences, the student is staffed into special education.	Open enrollment continues. District B bills District A for open enrollment tuition at a <i>per diem</i> rate for the number of days served as a regular education student and then bills actual costs for the days the student is served as a special education student.
Out of state move in – Move is after certified enrollment count date	Student moves into District A from out of state and open enrolls to District B.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem</i> rate for open enrollment costs, prorated for the days the student is served under open enrollment.
PMIC, juvenile detention center, substance abuse treatment or other similar placement	Student is a resident of District A and is open enrolled to District B. During the open enrollment, the student is placed in a juvenile detention center, mental health or substance abuse treatment facility, or other similar placement.	District B will bill District A at a <i>per diem</i> rate for the number of days the student was served in District B. The open enrollment status and billing are suspended upon placement in the facility. The open enrollment agreement will automatically be reinstated when the student is released from the facility.

Additional Information and Questions

Additional information is available on the Department’s [Open Enrollment](#) web page. For questions related to open enrollment billing, contact Ted Bauer at ted.bauer@iowa.gov or 515-979-5468. For other open enrollment questions, contact Sara Nickel at sara.nickel@iowa.gov or 515-971-7558 or Eric Heitz at eric.heitz@iowa.gov or 515-326-1018.