

Idaho State Department of Education

FY2022 Open Enrollment Report

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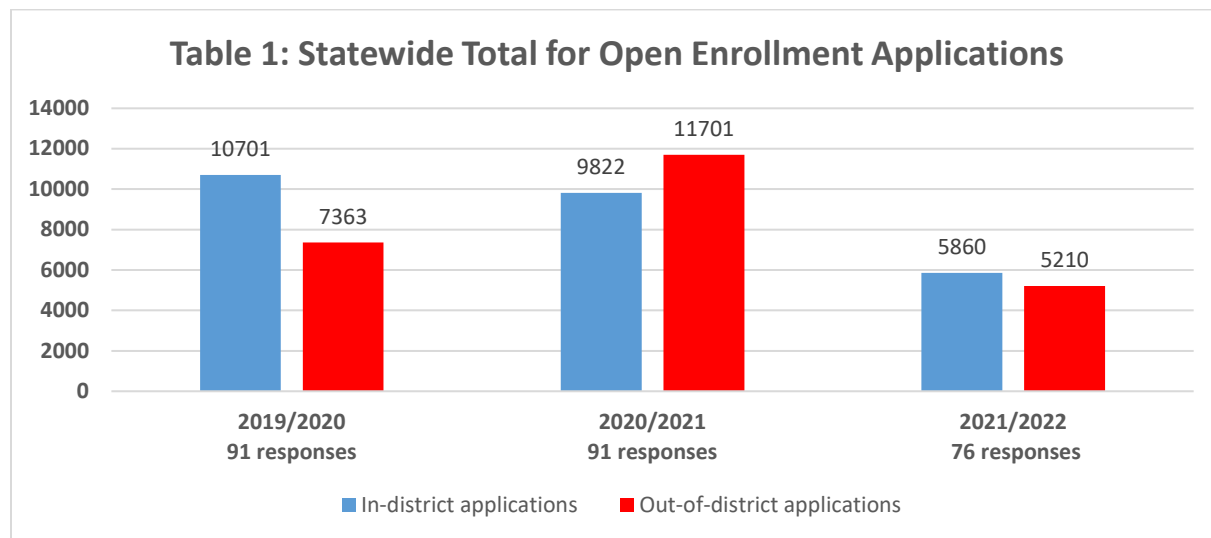
Idaho Code 33-1402 requires the State Department of Education to conduct an annual survey of districts offering in-district and out-of-district enrollment options (Open Enrollment).

SURVEY RESPONDENTS

76 School districts in Idaho responded to the survey. Participation in the survey is down from the previous year with 91 school districts completing the survey. If additional surveys are submitted this report will be updated to reflect the changes.

PARTICIPATION IN OPEN ENROLLMENT

3 of 76 school districts responding to the survey do not offer open enrollment. All three are small rural, remote districts. Of the remaining 76 districts offering open enrollment options, applications are accepted for open enrollment with the district and for students residing outside the school district boundaries. The table below provides a three-year comparison of the total number of open enrollment applications for both in-district and out-of-district enrollments.



The decrease in the number of open enrollment applications in 2021/2022 school year may be attributed to the lower number of surveys submitted. Additionally, it may also be due to the districts COVID policies.

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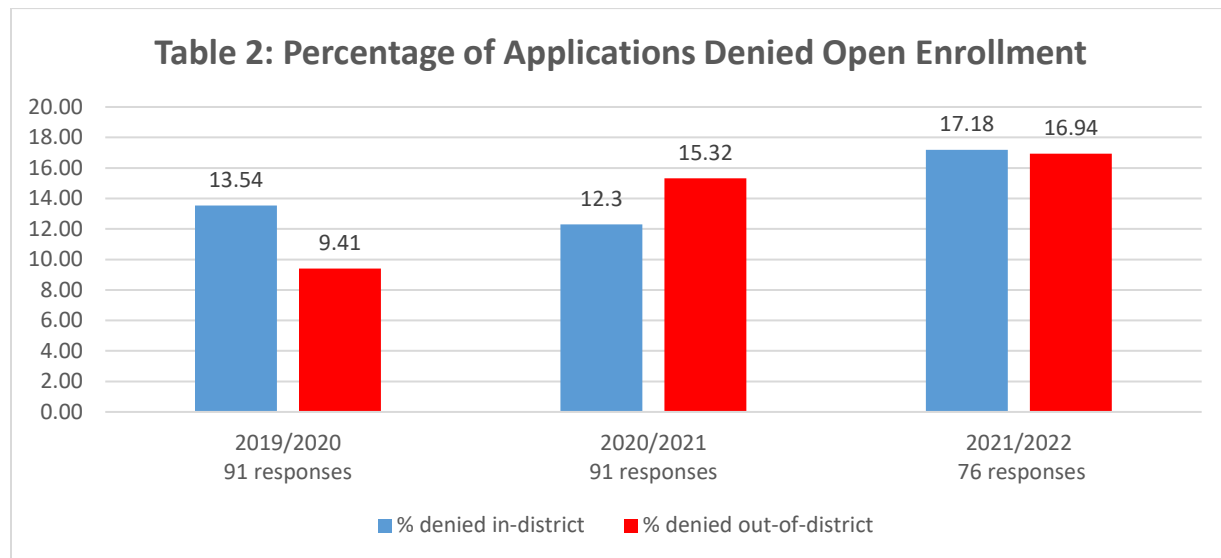
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DENYING OPEN ENROLLMENT

Districts reported some application were denied open enrollment. The reasons for denial are not required in the survey or reported. Tab 2 details the percentage of the total application for in-district and out-of-district open enrollment in Idaho denied in three school years. There is an increase for the 2021/2022 school year.



OPEN ENROLLMENT SERVING THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

Districts receive open enrollment applications for a variety of reasons. The most common include: Access to programs or classes not available in their district/school; accommodating parent work schedules/location; and personal family reasons. All districts reported the open enrollment option is working for the district and for the students and families in the districts.

Open enrollment by school district data is available upon request by contacting Michelle Clement Taylor mtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.