

Idaho State Department of Education

FY2023 Open Enrollment Report

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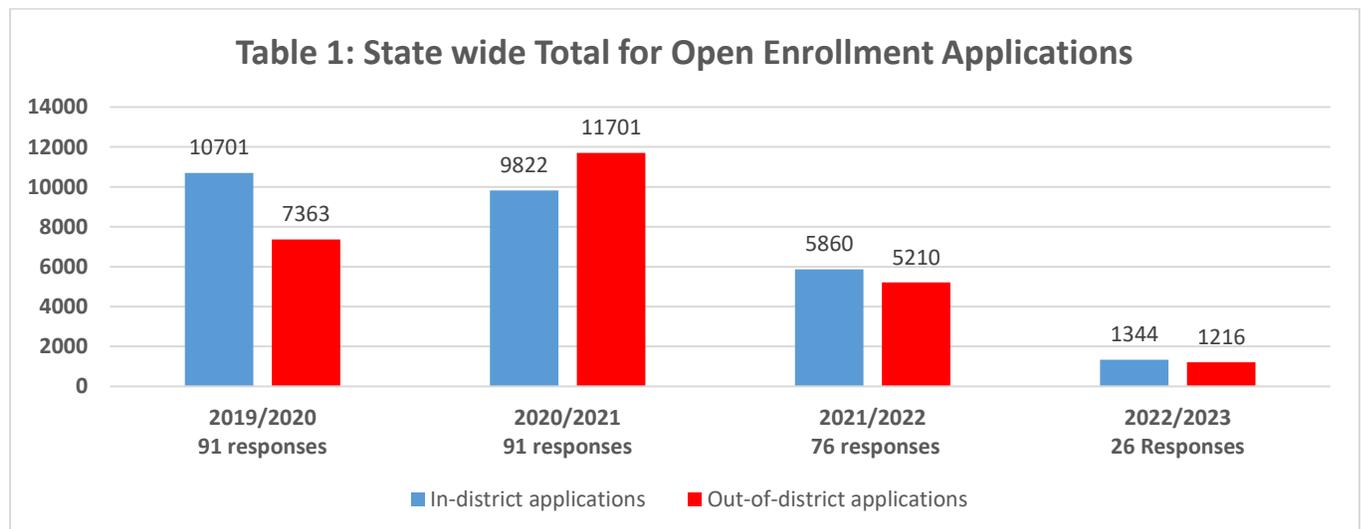
Idaho Code 33-1402 requires the State Department of Education to conduct an annual survey of districts offering in-district and out-of-district enrollment options (Open Enrollment).

SURVEY RESPONDENTS

27 School districts in Idaho responded to the survey. Participation in the survey is down from the previous year with 76 school districts completing the survey. We are working to increase the number of surveys submitted for the current year and will update this report with any additional data.

PARTICIPATION IN OPEN ENROLLMENT

3 of 26 school districts responding to the survey do not offer open enrollment. Two of the three are small rural, remote districts. Of the remaining 23 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 four-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 2022/2023 school year is attributed to the lower number of surveys submitted.

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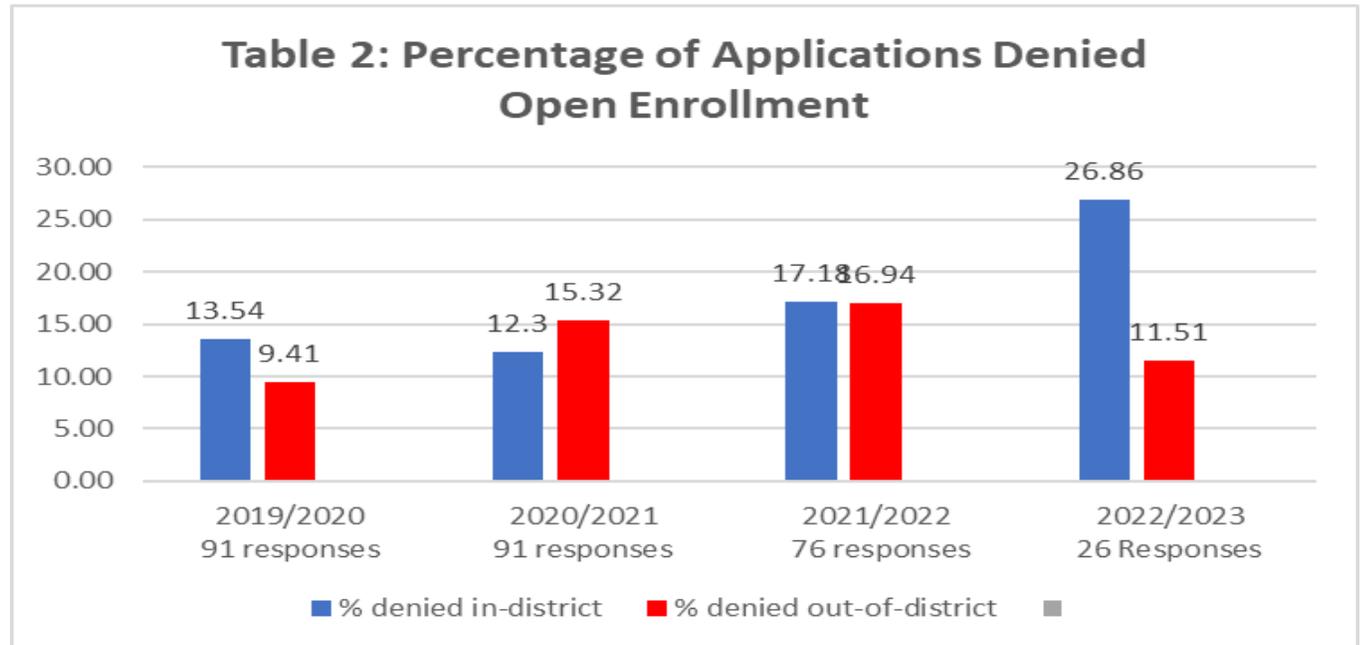
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DENYING OPEN ENROLLMENT

Districts reported some application were denied open enrollment. The reasons for denial are not required in the survey or reported. Table 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 percentage for the in-district applications that were denied for the 2022/2023 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. This year, for the first time, two districts reported they didn't believe Open Enrollment as the district has implemented it is serving the needs of the district, students, and families. There will be follow-up with the districts regarding their responses on this question.

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