



**“The Open Enrollment Period has ended. Can I still enroll?”**

Even though the open enrollment period has passed St. Croix Prep always accepts enrollment applications for the current year. Once received, the students are offered available spots in open classes or placed on the waiting list. There are still available spots in some of the grades (specifically grades 10-12).

**“When is Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year?”**

We will begin accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year on Monday, August 18, 2025, starting at 9:00am. The deadline for submitting an application is January 9, 2026. St. Croix Prep will be accepting applications for grades K-12. Applications received after January 9, 2026 will be placed on the waiting list (if the class is full).

**“Do currently enrolled students have priority?”**

Per state statute, students who are currently enrolled at St. Croix Prep will have priority in the enrollment process. Families who want to reenroll their children at St. Croix Prep will be asked to fill out an “Intent to Return” form to confirm a space for the next school year.

**“I signed up my child for last year. Do they have priority this year?”**

No. Per Minnesota state statute, each school year is a separate enrollment period. Those students on a waiting list for the 2025-2026 school year will have to submit a separate application for the 2026-2027 school year. Their application will be considered according to the rules of the 2026-2027 open enrollment period. No consideration is given to their status in the previous enrollment period.

### **“Do siblings have preference in the enrollment process?”**

Per state statute, siblings have preference in the enrollment process. If a student is currently enrolled in one of the classes, their sibling will have priority in the class in which they have made application.

Example: A student is currently enrolled in a 2025-2026 St. Croix Prep class. Their sibling has filled out an enrollment application for the 2026-2027 kindergarten class. There are 40 applicants for the kindergarten class, 10 of who are siblings of those who are already accepted into a St. Croix Prep class. The siblings will be accepted into the kindergarten class. The remaining kindergarten spots will be determined via a lottery.

### **“Is it “first come, first served” during Open Enrollment?”**

We will begin accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year on August 18, 2025. The deadline for submitting an application is January 9, 2026. All applications received by the January 9, 2026 deadline will be equally considered. For any grade level where we have more applicants than spaces available, we will conduct a lottery to determine admission for that grade. Applicants who are not chosen in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list and notified promptly if a space becomes available. Applicants will be notified as to the status of their applications as early as possible.

Example: There are three spots available in the 4th grade class. During the open enrollment period 10 applications for the 4th grade class are received. In accordance with state statutes, first priority is given to siblings of those who have brothers/sisters already enrolled at St. Croix Prep. Assuming there are no siblings in the pool, there will be a lottery (from the 10 applications) to determine who will be accepted. If there are more than three siblings in the application pool, a lottery will be performed (from the sibling pool) to determine who will be accepted. The remaining students (those who were not accepted via the sibling lottery and those who have filled out enrollment applications) will be put on a waiting list.

### **“Can I sign up my Kindergartner a year early?”**

No. Per Minnesota state statute, each year is a separate enrollment period. Each school year has its own enrollment period and all applications related to that school year will be processed during the related enrollment period. In other words, there are no advantages to submitting an enrollment application for a school year other than the 2025-2026 current school year or the 2026-2027 school year (open enrollment period of August 18, 2025 through January 9, 2026).

### **“Who can I contact for more information?”**

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