



Overview

Opportunity 180 works to transform the lives and futures of Nevada kids by providing them with equitable access to high-quality public educational opportunities so that every student graduates high school, college and career-ready. Opportunity 180 strives to bring together all community stakeholders- families, educators, and community leaders- to ensure students have access to a high-quality education. Through its efforts, Opportunity 180 has a goal to ensure 100,000 more kids can access a great school by 2030.

As an organization, we supported legislation aimed at creating a universal open enrollment policy in Nevada. One of the five levers of our strategy is a focus on governance in education, called *Good Governance*. During the 2025 legislative session, the legislature passed Assembly Bill 533. This bill creates universal open enrollment. A requirement of this legislation is that the Superintendent of Public Instruction establish a process for reviewing open enrollment policies and procedures submitted by local school districts.

Opportunity 180 is seeking proposals from organizations that are prepared to develop a process to be used by the Superintendent of Public Instruction when reviewing the open enrollment policies and procedures submitted by local school districts. This project presents a significant opportunity to ensure that as open enrollment is implemented in Nevada, students are able to attend a school that best meets their needs regardless of where they live. In pursuit of this opportunity, it is important to recognize that there are areas that require additional attention to ensure that intentions of this policy are reflected in the implementation.

Project Goals

Create a process for reviewing policies and procedures submitted by school districts, including a rubric that will guide the Superintendent of Public Instruction in reviewing such policies to ensure alignment with Nevada law and encourage statewide consistency in family access and district accountability.

New Nevada Legal Requirements*:

- District application must be available in the 5 most common languages other than English spoken in Nevada
- Not consider the pupils home address in determining eligibility for open enrollment
- Require all traditional public schools to participate in open enrollment (this does not include magnet schools, career and technical academies, or dual enrollment high schools)
- Does not charge tuition
- Publish on a website maintained by NDE and each district the number of vacancies
- Priority given to students currently enrolled in 1 or 2 star schools (this provision is from Senate Bill 460 which was also passed during the 2025 legislative session)

*The requirements in this section are reflective of the applicable provisions of AB533 and SB460. These requirements should be integrated into the process and rubric developed as a result of this project.



Other considerations:

- District policies cannot require an additional application in subsequent years once a student has been admitted
- The rubric should be research based and account for common and foreseeable implementation challenges
- SB460 requires that transportation be provided for students currently enrolled in 1 or 2 star schools and the rubric should provide guidelines for determining the efficacy of the district's transportation policies for these students
- The rubric should evaluate and provide an equity assessment of the enrollment method (lottery, first come/first served, etc.) chosen by districts

The proposal should also include the following attachments:

- Total costs for production of the implementation process and rubric and any required supporting materials or training
- A summary of strong open enrollment practices from other states to inform rubric development
- Examples of prior work and/or references (optional)

Please submit responses and questions to anthony@opportunity180.org. Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2025, and decisions will be made by July 22, 2025.