

Open Enrollment

Students wishing to attend a school not in their resident district must file an application with the school office. The application must be approved by the Board of Education of the receiving district. Parents and guardians of open enrolled students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance.

[House File \(HF\) 2589](#) eliminates the March 1 deadline for open enrollment. This change allows parents/guardians to apply for open enrollment at any time without the need for good cause. Students who move into the district and wish to remain in their original district should file in a timely manner.

Post Secondary Enrollment

If a student wishes to take a college course which is not offered on the local level as a high school course, arrangements can be made to do so with the local district paying for course after its completion. The student must provide his/her own transportation. In some cases, the student must be in the talented and gifted (TAG) program to qualify for this program. For more information, see the high school principal.



Whiting Community School

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NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Notice Concerning Staff Qualifications

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 gives parents the right to get information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, the Whiting Community School will give parents the following information:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher. Parents may also get information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of certification or degree.

We will also, upon request, inform parents whether their child is being provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional.

The request for information should be made to the administrator in the child's building. The information will be provided in a timely manner. Finally, Whiting Community School will give timely notice to you if your child has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet the requirements of the Act.

Disclosure of Student Recruiting Information

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires the Whiting Community School to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education access to secondary school students' names, addresses and telephone listings. Parents and secondary students have the right to request that we not provide this information without prior written parental consent. The Whiting Community School will comply with such requests.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Whiting School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), religion, national origin, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status (for programs) or disability in its educational programs and its employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with discrimination is directed to contact: Stacey Schmidt, Whiting PK-12 Principal; 606 West St., Whiting, IA 51063. (712) 455-2468 or at sschmidt@whitingcsd.org

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WHITING COMMUNITY SCHOOL



**Together, our mission
is to prepare students
to become responsible
citizens in today's
world."**

Equal Opportunity

Whiting Community Schools does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status or familial status.

Title IX Coordinator, Stacey Schmidt
Section 504 Coordinator, Stacey Schmidt

Student Abuse by an Employee

Anyone suspecting abuse of a student by an employee is to contact the following:

Level I: Stacey Schmidt – 455-2468
Level II: Kevin Ewing – 423-2525

Annual Notification of Parent Rights

In the Whiting Community School, parents shall have the opportunity to challenge the contents of their child's school records to ensure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the students and to provide an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data contained therein. A parent wishing to challenge the content shall make a written application to the superintendent.

Asbestos Notification

There is asbestos in the Whiting Community School. The location is posted on the bulletin board in the office. The board has adopted a management plan to inspect every six months. The asbestos has already been encapsulated and is dangerous only if friable (loose). The plan is available in the Superintendent's office for inspections during the regular school hours.

Medication

Any student who needs medication at school must bring a signed note from home containing dosage and time medicine is to be taken. The medicine must be in the original bottle. If the medication is from a pharmacy, ask the pharmacist to provide two bottles so that the student does not have to transport the medication home each night. Only approved staff members may assist with the administration of medicine. **Over the counter medication must be provided by the parents. The school will no longer dispense medication that hasn't been brought in with a note granting permission to be given.**

Bullying & Harassment

The Whiting Community School has a detailed policy regarding bullying & harassment. No student, teacher, staff member or parent should be subjected to any type of bullying, hazing or harassment including sexual, verbal or physical. Information on procedures to address harassment issues is found in the student and staff handbooks.

Edgenuity Class

Edgenuity is an online intervention program designed to help middle and high school students at their learning level and give them what they need to catch up, keep up, or get ahead.

Physicals

Students participating in any sports or cheerleading activities must have a physical form on file in the activity director's office. These forms are available in the school office. The physical is good for 1 year from the date it was taken.

Textbook Fees

Due to the financial constraints that the State of Iowa has placed upon the public schools of Iowa, students will be assessed textbook rental fees of \$40 per pupil per year kindergarten through 12th grade. However, should a textbook be lost or damaged, an additional fee will be assessed.

Parents of students meeting specific financial eligibility standards will be eligible for a waiver of student fees or a reduction of student fees based upon the request of the parent.

Directory Information

Unlike other personal data in a student's records, a school may disclose "directory information" without first obtaining written permission. Directory information includes:

- Student's Name
- Address
- Telephone Listing
- Date and Place of Birth
- Grade Level
- Participation in School Activities
- Weight & Height of Members of Athletic Teams
- Date of Attendance
- Awards Received
- Previous Education Agency or Institution Attended

Any parent or guardian who does not want a list with their child's name and the above for directory information on it released must make a written request to the school office.