

OPTION ENROLLMENT POLICY AND CAPACITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications by October 15 for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006 and Policy 5006.1 Appendix should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006 and Policy 5006.1 Appendix are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution of Policy 5006 and Policy 5006.1 Appendix are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member \_\_\_\_\_ moved for its passage and adoption, member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

\_\_\_\_\_

The following members voted against the same: \_\_\_\_\_.

The following members were absent or not voting: \_\_\_\_\_.

The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

SCOTTSDLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

APPENDIX TO OPTION ENROLLMENT POLICY

The following is Policy 5006.1 Appendix to Policy 5006 for the current school year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the optimal number of students for the 2026-2027 school year in any program, class, grade level, or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs.

Enrolling in school at the start of a new quarter or semester provides a more seamless transition for students; however, Scottsbluff Public Schools recognizes that at times there are extenuating circumstances which may result in an alternate enrollment date. The Board believes that it is in the best interest of our schools to not accept Option Enrollment students after a certain date each semester at the high school level in order to ensure a successful transition. Scottsbluff High School will close twelfth grade options on October 2, 2026, and will not reopen options for the remainder of the school year. Ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades will close options on October 2, 2026, and will reopen at the start of second semester, if capacity has not been met. Furthermore, the Superintendent has the authority to close Scottsbluff High School and/or Bluffs Middle School options, as needed, and reopen at the beginning of the following semester, capacity permitting.

Elementary School Classroom Capacity	
Kindergarten	22
First	22
Second	22
Third	22
Fourth	25
Fifth	25

Bluffs Middle School Grade Level Capacity	
Sixth	275
Seventh	275
Eighth	275

Scottsbluff High School Grade Level Capacity	
Ninth	280
Tenth	280
Eleventh	280
Twelfth	280

\*ReConnect not included in the above numbers.\*

\*\*Special education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the Executive Director of Student Services or designee. \*\*

\*\*\*Siblings of current option students are exempt from any capacity limits.\*\*\*

Special Education Caseload Capacity Count	
Speech	40
Occupational Therapist	30
Physical Therapist	30
Resource	15
Multicategorical & Severe Needs Program	5