

## **Apply now for the Open Enrollment program in Sumter School District.**

Sumter School District is participating in an Open Enrollment program for the 2018-2019 school year. The purpose of this program is to increase students' access to public school K-12 educational opportunities within their school district.

Enrollment opportunities will be based upon the capacity of each school. Student/teacher ratios will not change, and schools will not be overcrowded. Requests for student participation will be handled through a lottery if requests exceed available slots.

Students who are zoned to attend a particular school **ARE NOT** required to submit an application for enrollment. This program is only for students who wish to attend a school out of their attendance zone.

Applications are available in all Sumter School District schools, the district office, and online at <http://sumterschools.net>. Applications may be turned in at the schools or mailed to Sumter School District, attention: Mrs. Maria Thomas, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC, 29150.

### **Application Procedure**

- Interested persons should pick up an application at any school, at either district office, or one may be printed from the website at <http://sumterschools.net>.
- Open enrollment applications must be received by a school or district office or postmarked by February 23, 2018.
- Open enrollment is available to K-12 only. Pre-kindergarten students are not eligible.
- Letters will be mailed to parents regarding the requests by March 30, 2018.

### **Additional Information to Consider**

- No tuition will be charged for students who are residents of Sumter County.
- The parent is responsible for transportation to and from the out-of-zone school.
- A student approved for enrollment in a non-resident school is entitled to remain in that school until completion of the final grade within the school without submitting annual applications.
- Problems with tardiness, attendance, or discipline may result in the student being sent back to his or her original school.