

News Release

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Hearing scheduled Nov. 16 on open enrollment scope statement

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a preliminary public hearing from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 16 on a statement of scope related to alternative applications for open enrollment.

The hearing will be held at the DPI's headquarters, GEF 3, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, Madison. The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. For those who cannot attend the hearing, written comments sent to the department will be given the same consideration as public testimony.

State law, 2011 Wisconsin Act 114, allowed an alternative application process for the open enrollment program. The scope statement will guide development of emergency and proposed permanent rules to amend PI 36, bringing equity and consistency to procedures for alternative applications. The scope statement clarifies that nonresident school districts will be allowed to approve alternative applications for open enrollment for the current school year between the January board meeting and July for grades or special education services that do not have space limitations for the following school year.

A statement of scope is prepared in advance of any rule that an agency plans to promulgate. It includes a description of the objective of the rule, a description of existing policies relevant to the rule and an analysis of policy alternatives, the statutory authority for the rule, estimates of the amount of time that is expected to develop the rule, a description of entities affected by the rule, and a summary of any federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the rule. As the rule is promulgated, the department will conduct an additional public hearing or hearings and comment period for the emergency and proposed permanent administrative rules.

A copy of the scope statement is available on the department's [Administrative Rules webpage](#) or the [Wisconsin Legislature Rules site](#). Written comments may be submitted in lieu of testimony by Nov. 16 online, <https://goo.gl/forms/muitLW40qtRuu8Rh1>, or sent to the department's administrative rules coordinator by email or U.S. mail. Send to [Carl Bryan](#), 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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