VOTERS DECIDE

How did Open Enrollment fare at the polls?

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In 2024 and 2025, a series of decisions first from the NH State Board of Education and then from the NH Supreme Court sought to clarify the responsibility of a sending district under NH law to pay tuition in an open enrollment system. As a result of that ruling and in an effort to gain control of their admissions policies, most NH school districts turned to the voters to determine whether they are willing to accept students, how many they are willing to accept, and whether they would pay tuition for students to attend another district. Based on current interpretations of the law, only districts that opt to receive students can limit the number of students they send. Here is what they said:

99

Number of Communities Voting on Open Enrollment

77%

of voting communities

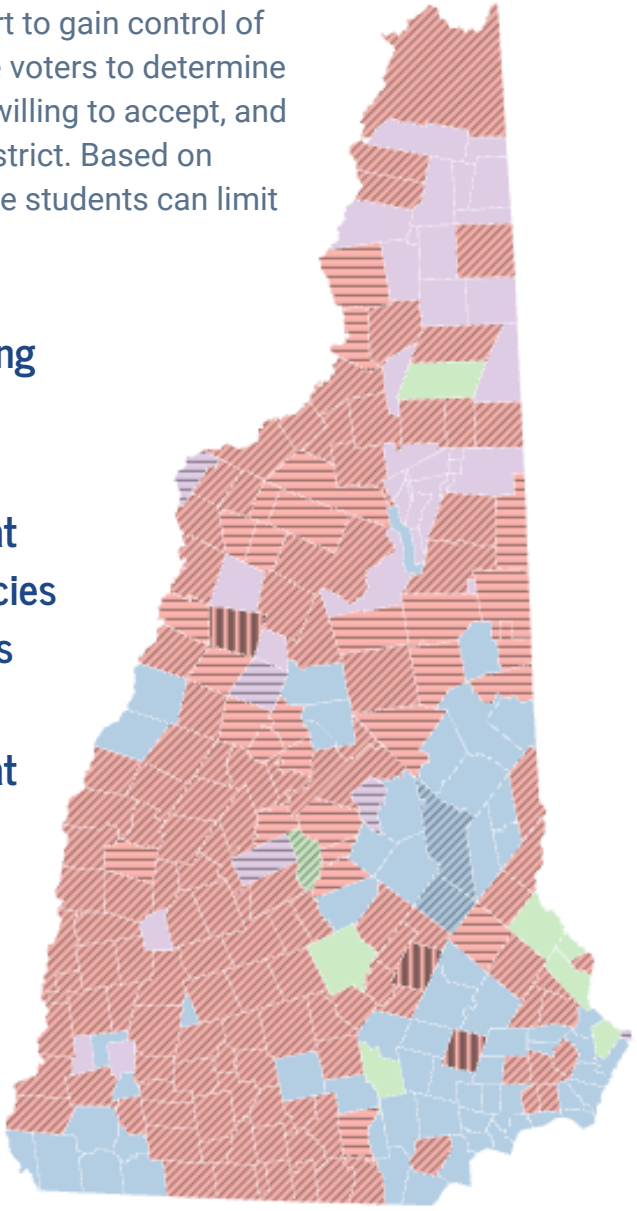
Number of Communities that PASSED Open Enrollment policies to determine how it operates

3%

of voting communities

Number of Communities that voted not to pass Open Enrollment

The voting results of 20% of voting communities are unknown.



Based on available data as of March 24, 2026.

The time is now.

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