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Purpose

The Board shall operate district schools for the benefit of students residing in this district who are eligible for attendance.[1][2].

Authority

The Board may permit the admission of nonresident students in accordance with Board policy.[3][4].

The Board shall require that appropriate legal documentation showing dependency or guardianship or a sworn statement of full residential support be filed with the Board Secretary before an eligible nonresident student may be accepted as a student in district schools. The Board may require a resident to submit additional, reasonable information to substantiate a sworn statement, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Education.[5][6].

The Board reserves the right to verify claims of residency, dependency and guardianship and to remove from school attendance a nonresident student whose claim is invalid.

If information contained in the sworn statement of residential support is found to be false, the student shall be removed from school after notice is given of an opportunity to appeal the student's removal, in accordance with Board Policy 906, Public Complaints.[5][7].

Tuition rates shall be determined in accordance with statute. Tuition shall be paid prior to each semester of attendance.[4][8][9].

Guidelines

Nonresident Children Placed in the District

Any child placed in the home of a district resident by a court or government agency shall be admitted to district schools and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same responsibilities as resident children.[10].

Residents of Institutions

A child who is living in or assigned to a facility or institution for the care or training of children that is located within this district is not a legal resident of the district by such placement; but s/he shall be admitted to district schools, and a charge shall be made for tuition in accordance with statute.[11][12][13][14][15][16]

Future Residents

A student eligible for attendance whose parent/guardian has executed a contract to buy, build or rent a residence in this district for occupancy may be enrolled without payment of tuition for thirty (30) days previous to the anticipated date of residency.[4]

If the student does not become a resident of the district by the end of the period for which free attendance is given, tuition shall be required until residency is established.

Parents/Guardians of students who claim admission on the basis of future residency shall be required to demonstrate proof of the anticipated residency.

Former Residents

Regularly enrolled students whose parents/guardians have moved out of the school district may be permitted to finish the semester without payment of tuition.[4]

Students of Nonresident Staff Members

Students of nonresident, full-time permanent employees of the Board may be enrolled in the school of this district, with no charge for tuition, for the duration of employment. When district employment ends, the nonresident employee's student(s) may complete the current school year without payment of tuition.

Other Nonresident Students

A nonresident student may be admitted to district schools without payment of tuition where attendance is justified on the grounds that the student lives full-time and not just for the school year with district residents who have assumed legal dependency or guardianship or full residential support of the student. [5][6]

Enrollment permitting and upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, nonresident students may be accepted without payment of tuition into the district's K-4 program if the student's home school district does not have a K-4 program.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the enrollment of nonresident students which:

1. Admit such students only on proper application and submission of required documentation by the parent/guardian.
2. Verify claims of residency.
3. Do not exclude any eligible student on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, or handicap/disability.[17]
4. Deny admission where the educational facilities or program maintained for district students is inadequate to meet the needs of the applicant.

5. Make continued enrollment of any nonresident student contingent upon maintaining established standards of attendance, discipline and academics.

The Superintendent shall report to the Board for its information the enrollment of each nonresident student.

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 501
2. 24 P.S. 502
3. 24 P.S. 1301
4. 24 P.S. 1316
5. 24 P.S. 1302
6. 22 PA Code 11.19
7. Pol. 906
8. 24 P.S. 2561
9. Pol. 607
10. 24 P.S. 1305
11. 24 P.S. 1306
12. 24 P.S. 1307
13. 24 P.S. 1308
14. 24 P.S. 1309
15. 24 P.S. 1310
16. 22 PA Code 11.18
17. Pol. 103
- 22 PA Code 11.41
- 24 P.S. 1306.2
- 24 P.S. 2503

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