

**ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**

The Board of Education affirms that its primary responsibility is to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children who are legal district residents and who are of legal age to attend school.

However, a nonresident student may be admitted to district schools upon payment to the district of the Board-adopted tuition charge only if, in the judgment of the Superintendent:

1. there is sufficient space to accommodate the nonresident student;
2. no increase in the size of faculty or staff will be necessary to accommodate them;
3. the nonresident student meets the district's criteria for admission; and
4. the admission of such nonresident student is and continues during the enrollment period to be in the best interests of the district.

This policy is not applicable to homeless students entitled to attend district schools under federal and state law and regulations, who may not be currently residing in the district (see policy 5151, Homeless Children). Homeless students who are not entitled to attend district schools under federal and state laws may be considered for non-resident enrollment under this policy. This policy is also not intended to cover students who are placed in district programs by agreement with, and paid for by, another school district.

Future Residents

The children of families who have signed a contract to buy or build a residence in the school district may be enrolled during the semester in which they expect to become residents, without payment of tuition. Within a reasonable time, the Superintendent will confirm the student's residency and whether the circumstances require a reexamination of the enrollment decision.

Former Residents

Students whose families have moved out of the district may continue to attend district schools for thirty days. Families with eighth grade students who move out of the District after the first semester can apply to the Superintendent to complete the school year at Gardner-Dickinson. Transportation will not be provided once the student has changed residency. However, students who are no longer district residents due to homelessness are addressed in policy 5151, Homeless Children.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided for nonresident students only if it does not require any changes to the existing bus route and there is sufficient bus capacity.

Children of District Employees

Children of the nonresident members of the instructional and non-instructional staff (minimum of six (6) hours per day) may be enrolled in the district for grades Kindergarten through eighth grade at no charge. Upon completion of eighth grade the employee is responsible for the high school education of their child.

Cross-ref: 5151, Homeless Children

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