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ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENT STUDENTS AND NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS NOT ELIGIBLE THROUGH OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICIES

The Board of Education establishes the following residency policy for determining eligibility to attend the schools of this District.

- A. The Board will educate, tuition-free, students who are legal residents of the District. Proof of residency will be required for registration in the District.

School district officials must review the facts and circumstances of each case to determine whether a student (1) lives within the district (2) for a purpose other than school attendance. If the answer to both of these inquiries is yes, the student is considered a resident student for admission purposes. If not, the student is considered a nonresident student and subject to tuition requirements.

The school district shall permit a student to complete the school year in the school the student is attending without payment of tuition even if he/she is no longer a resident of the district, if the student was a resident of the district on either the 3rd Friday in September or the 2nd Friday in January of the current school year and the student was enrolled in the district for at least 20 school days in the current school year. (State Statute 121.84 (1) (a) (2))

The school board may permit a student who was enrolled in and a resident of the school district at the beginning of the school year to complete the school year at the school he or she is attending without payment of tuition, even though the student is no longer a resident of the school district. (State Statute 121.84 (1) (a) (1))

The school district shall permit a student to attend classes in the current school year without payment of tuition if all of the following criteria apply: The student (1) was a resident of the school district on the 2nd Friday in January of the previous school year; (2) was enrolled in the school district continuously from the 2nd Friday in January of the previous school year to the end of the previous school year; (3) moved out of the district after the 1st Monday in February in the previous school year; (4) continues to be a resident of Wisconsin. (State Statute 121.84 (4) (a)).

The school district will waive tuition when required by law to do so.

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- B. Foreign students, participating in a bona fide, foreign-exchange program and living with a resident host family, will be admitted tuition-free.
- C. Students whose parents do not reside within the District but who present evidence that they will move into the District within a short period of time may enroll in the schools of this District as tuition students for the time not in residence. Tuition may be refunded in accordance with State law.
- D. Twelfth grade students who have begun their work toward graduation from the District's high school and who no longer resides within the District shall be permitted to complete their high school education tuition free.
- E. A resident student, otherwise eligible to attend school in the District, may be denied admission if s/he has a record of behavior that the Superintendent believes would constitute a threat to the safety and well-being of staff and other students, and the student has been expelled from the district in which s/he was a resident.
- F. Students enrolled in the special education program of this District whose parents do not reside within the District may attend as tuition students with tuition computed pursuant to 121.83(1)(c) Wisconsin Stats.
- G. Minor students, residing in the District but not living with a parent, shall be ineligible to enroll as resident students unless said students are married or can be considered emancipated minors by court decree and have proved the establishment of an independent residence.
- H. Children of Shared-Parenting Decrees may attend school without payment of tuition the decree designates as the residential parent the parent with legal residence in the District.
- I. Tuition students may be accepted in accordance with State law and the approval of the Superintendent.
- J. The District shall not discriminate in admissions to any school, class, program, or activity or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, handicap or homeless status. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

121.77 et seq, Wis. Stats.
880.04, Wis. Stats.
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