

# WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELIGIBILITY OF  
NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

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202. ELIGIBILITY OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS	
<p>1. Purpose SC 501, 502, 503</p>	<p>The Board shall operate district schools for the benefit of students resident in this district who are eligible for attendance.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1301, 1316 Pol. 200</p>	<p>The Board may permit the admission of nonresident students in accordance with terms of this policy.</p>
<p>SC 1302 Title 22 Sec. 11.19</p>	<p>The Board shall require that appropriate legal documentation showing dependency or guardianship or a sworn statement of residential support be filed with the Board Secretary before an eligible nonresident student may be accepted as a student in the district. 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.</p>
<p>SC 1302</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SC 1302 Pol. 906</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to or from school for any student residing outside of school district boundaries.</p>
<p>SC 1316, 2561 Pol. 607</p>	<p>Tuition rates shall be determined annually in accordance with law. Tuition shall be charged monthly, in advance of attendance. Ten (10) days' membership in any calendar month shall constitute a full month for tuition purposes. Less than ten (10) days' membership in any calendar month shall require one-half (1/2) tuition cost for the month. If advance tuition is unpaid at the beginning of any month, the student will be removed until payment of tuition is made.</p>

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<p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1305</p> <p>SC 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 2561, 2562 Title 22 Sec. 11.18</p> <p>SC 1306.2, 1318</p> <p>SC 1306.2</p> <p>SC 1316</p>	<p><u>Nonresident Children Placed In Resident's Home</u></p> <p>Any child placed in the home of a district resident by a court or government agency shall be admitted to the schools and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same duties as resident children.</p> <p><u>Residents Of Institutions</u></p> <p>A child who is an inmate of an institution for the care or training of children 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 law.</p> <p><u>Juveniles Incarcerated In Adult Facilities</u></p> <p>A juvenile who is eligible for educational services and is confined to an adult local correctional institution following conviction for a criminal offense shall receive educational services from the school district in the same manner and extent as an expelled student.</p> <p>A juvenile who is eligible for educational services and is confined to an adult local correctional institution following a charge for a criminal offense shall receive educational services from the school district in the same manner and extent as a student placed in an alternative education program for disruptive students.</p> <p><u>Future Residents</u></p> <p>Prospective residents of the district presenting evidence, (such as an agreement of purchase of a home in the district), of moving into the district during the current school term, may enroll their child/children in the Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools provided the parents/guardians assume full responsibility for the transportation of the child/children and payment of tuition for the entire period of attendance up to date of occupancy; however, tuition may be refunded for a period of attendance prior to the date of occupancy that does not exceed two (2) months. In cases of this nature, tuition may be waived, if, in the judgment of the Superintendent, the payment represents a significant hardship, provided there is virtual certainty that the family will move in within the required period of time.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>SC 1316</p>	<p>The Board reserves the right to verify such claims and to remove from school a nonresident student whose claim is invalid.</p> <p><u>Former Residents</u></p> <p>Students whose parents/guardians move from the district may be permitted to complete the school term in the school where they have been attending, provided the parents/guardians assume full responsibility for transportation of the student and the payment of tuition for the portion of the term starting with the time of the parents/guardians moving out of the district.</p> <p>If a family moves from the district at any time during a student's senior year, the student may continue to attend the high school in which s/he was enrolled until the end of the year, provided that parents/guardians assume full responsibility for transportation of the student and the payment of tuition for the portion of the year starting with the time of the parents/guardians moving out of the district, discounted for the number of years that the student has already attended the high school. The rate of discount shall be equal to 0.33 multiplied by the number of years the student has been in attendance at Strath Haven High School.</p> <p>If a family moves from the district on or after the beginning of the fourth quarter, the student may continue to attend school in the district for the remainder of the year without paying tuition, provided that parents/guardians assume full responsibility for transportation of the student.</p>
<p>Pol. 251</p>	<p><u>Homelessness</u></p> <p>The school district will comply fully with all applicable local, state and federal laws and requirements, and Board policy, regarding students who are or become homeless.</p> <p><u>Other Nonresident Students</u></p> <p>A nonresident student may be admitted to district schools without payment of tuition as follows:</p>
<p>SC 1302 Title 22 Sec. 11.19</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When a resident of this district keeps in his/her home a child/children of school age, not his/her own, supporting the child/children gratis as if the child/children were his/her own, such child/children shall be entitled to all free school privileges accorded to resident school children of the district, including the right to attend the public school as though such child/children were in fact a resident school child/children in the district. The child/children shall be subject to all the requirements placed upon resident school children. Before accepting such</li> </ol>

<p>SC 1302</p>	<p>child/children as a student, the Board shall require a resident to complete an affidavit at a time, place, and in a form prescribed by the Board Secretary. The affidavit shall include the representation that the person furnishing the statement is a resident of the district and is supporting the child/children gratis; that s/he will assume all personal obligations of the child/children relative to school requirements and that s/he intends to so keep and support the child/children permanently and not merely through the school term. All requests on behalf of such nonresident child/children shall be investigated by the school system.</p> <p>Persons who obtain the admission of a student under this section by knowingly furnishing false information will be liable for full tuition for the period the student was in attendance and shall also be subject to criminal penalties in accordance with law.</p>
<p>Pol. 113</p>	<p>2. Where the administration believes in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of both the district community and a particular district student for that particular district student to attend school in another public school district within the county, the administration may admit a nonresident student from that other county school district in exchange for that county school district's agreement to admit the district's student. All such exchanges shall require the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Both students and all parents/guardians must agree to the exchange.</li> <li>b. Except as noted below, there shall be no cost to the district as a result of the exchange.</li> <li>c. Each student's district of residence must agree to remain the LEA and solely responsible for all child find and programming decisions, while the district where each student is attending shall only be responsible for implementing such programming. Each student and parent/guardian must agree to this to be considered for such an exchange.</li> <li>d. Any costs associated with programming and placement decisions for a student by that student's district of residence shall be the responsibility of the district of residence, no matter where such services will take place.</li> <li>e. The nonresident student and parents/guardians agree that if the nonresident student engages in conduct constituting a disciplinary infraction of a specified level or above, that the resident district's schools will be considered the "then current placement" or "pendent placement" and not those of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District. The nonresident student and parents/guardians must execute a document to this effect prior to admission.</li> </ol>

<p>Pol. 239, 239.1</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Pol. 103, 103.1</p>	<p><u>Exchange Student Program</u></p> <p>This policy shall not be applicable to the exchange student program(s).</p> <p>The Superintendent shall maintain administrative procedures for the enrollment of nonresident children which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Admit such students only on proper application and submission of required documentation.</li> <li>2. Verify claims of residency.</li> <li>3. Do not exclude any eligible student on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy or handicap/disability.</li> </ol> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 501, 502, 503, 1301, 1302, 1305, 1306, 1306.2, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1316, 1318, 2503, 2561, 2562</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.18, 11.19, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 113, 113.1, 200, 239, 239.1, 251, 607, 906</p>
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