

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 202

SECTION: 200 Pupils/Students

TITLE: Eligibility Of Nonresident
Students

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Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) shall operate District schools for the benefit of students residing in the City of Philadelphia who are eligible for attendance. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

Authority

The Board may permit the admission of nonresident students in accordance with law and Board policy. [\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

Before any nonresident student may be accepted as a student in District schools, the Board requires that appropriate documentation verifying the student’s eligibility as outlined in the administrative procedures be submitted. 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 the 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.

Admitted nonresident students shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same responsibilities as resident students.

The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to or from school for any nonresident student residing outside District boundaries except when the transportation is required per the federal and state mandate (i.e foster care or homeless students). [\[7\]](#)

Tuition rates shall be determined annually in accordance with law. Tuition shall be charged monthly, in advance of attendance. [\[5\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

Misrepresentation of Residency

The School District of Philadelphia reserves the right to unenroll and/or charge tuition fees for any misrepresentation of any information used to enroll in a School District of Philadelphia school.

Delegation of Responsibility

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

1. Admit such students only on the proper application of the parent/guardian.
2. Do not discriminate against any eligible student.[24][25]
3. Verify claims of eligibility.
4. Reflect the legal obligations of the District with regard to non-resident students living or placed with District residents; to students experiencing educational instability, and to residents of institutions.
5. Deny admission in circumstances where such admission would displace a resident student, require the District to incur additional costs, and/or the educational facilities or program maintained for District students is inadequate to meet the needs of the applicant.
6. Make continued enrollment of any nonresident student contingent upon maintaining established standards of attendance, discipline and academics.
7. The withdrawal of students under the guidelines of this policy

Legal References:

1. 24 P.S. 501 - Elementary Schools
2. 24 P.S. 502 - Additional Schools and Departments
3. 24 P.S. 503 - Kindergartens
4. 24 P.S. 1301 - Age Limits; Temporary Residence
5. 24 P.S. 1316 - Permitting Attendance of Non-resident Pupils
6. Pol. 200 - Enrollment of Students
7. Pol. 810 - Transportation
8. 24 P.S. 2561 - Tuition Charges for Pupils of Other Districts
9. Pol. 607 - Tuition Charges for Pupils of Other Districts
10. Pol. 103 - Nondiscrimination In School And Classroom Practices
11. Pol. 103.1 25- Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students With Disabilities/Protected Handicapped Students

Related Information:

- 24 P.S. 510 - Rules and Regulations; Safety Patrols
- 24 P.S. 2503 - Payments on Account of Tuition
- Philadelphia Home Rule Charter - 12-300
- 22 PA Code 11.41 - School district policies and rules