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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. The Board reserves the right to investigate and verify the residency of any student.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

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 **tuition free**. 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.[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

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.[\[6\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to or from school for any nonresident student residing outside school district boundaries.

~~Tuition rates shall be determined in accordance with statute. Tuition shall be charged monthly, in advance of attendance.[\[4\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[16\]](#)~~

Tuition rates shall be determined by the Board.

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. The Board reserves the right, prior to such placement, and within two (2) weeks of the written request to the Superintendent of the potential custodian of the child, to deny the child's admission when conditions exist which should exempt this district from the responsibility of admitting the nonresident custodial child.[\[10\]](#)

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.[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[14\]](#)[\[17\]](#)[\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)

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 within thirty (30) days may be enrolled without payment of tuition.[\[4\]](#)

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. The Board reserves the right to verify such claim.

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 when the parents/guardians move from the district during the semester. A senior student who is a resident of Plum for the first full nine-week grading period may complete his/her senior year without payment of tuition with transportation being the responsibility of the parents/guardians.[\[4\]](#)

Children of Nonresident Staff Members

~~Children of nonresident employees of the Board may be enrolled in the schools of this district with payment of tuition.~~

Other Nonresident Students (non-tuition)

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.[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

1. A nonresident student may be admitted to this district on payment of tuition where attendance is justified on the grounds that the student lives with a resident continuously and not just for the school term.
2. The district recognizes that a child of school age residing with a resident who supports the child gratis is entitled to all the free school privileges accorded a resident student. Before accepting such a child as a pupil, the resident with whom the child resides shall file with the principal a sworn statement (Appendix A) stating as follows:
 - a. That s/he is a resident of the Plum Borough School District.
 - b. That s/he is supporting the child gratis.
 - c. That s/he will assume all personal obligations for the child relative to school requirements.

- d. That s/he intends to so keep and support the child continuously and not merely through the school term.
3. In addition, the parent/guardian of the nonresident child shall file a sworn statement (Appendix B) declaring and authorizing the enrollment of his/her child as a nonresident student.
4. If the district has reasonable doubts concerning the veracity of the sworn statements required in Paragraphs 2 and 3, then the appropriate district officials are authorized to conduct an investigation in order to determine the truth. Any such investigation, however, shall occur after the acceptance of the sworn statement and will not delay the enrollment of the child.
5. If the district determines that the information contained in the sworn statement is false, the child will be removed from the school. Any child so removed will have the right to an informal hearing before the Superintendent or his/her designee.
6. Any person who knowingly provides false information is guilty of a summary offense and may be prosecuted before the District Magistrate. The maximum fine is \$300 or 240 hours of community service, or both.
7. In addition, a person who knowingly provides false information shall be liable to the district for tuition.

Nonresident Tuition Students

1. Parents and students must annually sign the *Nonresident Tuition Student Guidelines and Agreement*. (Appendix B). The Superintendent or designee will annually review and modify, as appropriate, by June 1st.
2. The Board will approve tuition pricing annually by June 1st (Appendix C).

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.[15]

3. Do not exclude any eligible student on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, or ancestry.
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.
6. Set guidelines for admission of nonresident tuition students.