

WALLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NON-RESIDENT PUPILS POLICY

The board of education shall admit to school children who are lawfully residing or domiciled in this district and are eligible for attendance in accordance with law. The board reserves the right to verify the residency or anticipated residency of any pupil and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship.

Any child whose residence or domicile is moved from the district on or after April 1 of any year, may continue through the last day of school of that year, provided his/her guardian or parents submit a written request to the Superintendent of Schools in which they agree to provide for any needed transportation to assure proper attendance. Continuance is based upon the Superintendent's recommendation and board approval and may be terminated at any time due to behavioral problems.

Any student who is in the twelfth grade (senior year) may be permitted to complete that year provided his/her parent or guardian submits a written request to the Superintendent of Schools in which they agree to provide transportation to assure proper attendance. Continuance is based upon the Superintendent's approval and may be terminated at any time due to behavioral problems.

Pupils from other districts who have been classified as having an educational disability will be considered for admission into any one of our self-contained special services classes on a tuition basis. Such placement is contingent upon the recommendation of the child study team chairperson, and the superintendent and approval by the board of education. Transportation will be provided by the parent or the sending district.

A pupil who is domiciled or residing in the district, but whose parents are not, may be enrolled without tuition charge, upon execution of a notarized affidavit (Affadavit form A) by an adult who is residing in the district, stating that they are supporting the child as if he/she were their own, and other terms as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1. A second notarized affidavit (Affadavit form B) will be executed by the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) granting guardianship of the student to the person(s) named in the affidavit.

Upon application for the child's enrollment in the district, both the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the resident accepting the student must submit a copy of their most recent 1040 income tax form. In each succeeding year that the child is enrolled on this

basis both the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the resident accepting the student must submit a copy of their 1040 income tax form to the superintendent no later than April 30.

Any claim of residence within the district may be investigated for verification by any agent of the board of education. If it is discovered that false statements have been made and that a student has been illegally enrolled as a result, full tuition will be charged retroactive to the illegal entry date and criminal sanctions will be pursued. Tuition will be based upon the N.J. Department of Education figures for the year(s) in question. If this information is not available through the Department of Education it will be derived from New Jersey School Boards data.

In the case of a dispute between the parent or guardian and the board of education concerning the exclusion of a student because of residence or domicile a hearing will be granted by the board of education. The child shall be permitted to continue to be enrolled in the district pending the outcome of such a hearing.

If a formal petition of appeal is made to the New Jersey Commissioner of Education by the parent or guardian, the child may continue in enrollment until disposition of such appeal.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1	<u>et seq.</u>	Attendance at school free of charge
N.J.S.A. 18A:76-12		District of Residence; determination
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3		Attendance at school by nonresidents
N.J.A.C. 6:20-5.3, 5.4		Method of determining the district of residence

Proposed:

Adopted:

