

BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELIGIBILITY OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

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<p>1. Purpose SC 501, 502</p> <p>2. Authority SC 1301, 1316 Pol. 200</p> <p>SC 1302 Title 22 Sec. 11.19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">202. ELIGIBILITY OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS</p> <p>The Board shall operate district schools for the benefit of students residing in this district who are eligible for attendance.</p> <p>The Board may permit the admission of non-resident students in accordance with Board policy.</p> <p>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 student may be accepted as a student in district schools. 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>Acceptable proof of residence includes recent copies of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Driver's license. 2. Auto registration. 3. Utility bills. 4. Tax statements. 5. Voter registration. 6. Evidence of receiving checks from wages, public assistance or social security. <p>The Board reserves the right to verify claims of residency, dependency and guardianship and to remove from school attendance a non-resident student whose claim is invalid.</p>
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<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 906, Public Complaints.</p> <p>The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to or from school for any non-resident student residing outside school district boundaries.</p>
<p>SC 1316, 2561 Pol. 607</p>	<p>Tuition rates shall be determined in accordance with statute.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Non-Resident Children Placed In The District</u></p>
<p>SC 1305</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SC 1302</p>	<p><u>Students Residing With Residents Of District Other Than Parents/Guardians</u></p> <p>When a resident of the Bethel Park School District keeps in his/her home a child of school age, not his/her own, and supports such child as if the child were his/her own, the resident must file two (2) acceptable proofs of residence and a sworn statement (affidavit) to the following effects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The affiant is a resident of the district. 2. The student is being maintained and supported in the resident's home and the resident receives no personal compensation for maintaining the student in the district. 3. The resident will assume all personal obligations for the student relative to school requirements. 4. The resident intends to keep and support the student continuously and not merely through the school term. 5. The resident with whom the non-resident student resides must sign a notarized affidavit regarding the above requirements. <p><u>Residents Of Institutions</u></p>
<p>SC 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310 Title 22</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>Sec. 11.18</p>	<p>Placement shall be made following a thorough review of the student's records and academic needs. A written request for enrollment will be made by the agency or institution to the Superintendent and shall be accompanied by a complete set of health and education records.</p>
<p>SC 1316</p>	<p><u>Future Residents</u></p> <p>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 ninety (90) calendar days may be enrolled without payment of tuition. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board may consider an extension.</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 from the first day of attendance.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians of students who claim admission on the basis of future residency shall be required to demonstrate proof of the anticipated residency.</p>
<p>SC 1316</p>	<p><u>Former Residents</u></p> <p>Regularly enrolled students whose parents/guardians have moved out of the school district may be permitted to finish the school year without payment of tuition, provided that the student is in the twelfth grade at the time the parents/guardians move from the district.</p> <p>Other regularly enrolled students whose parents/guardians move from the district at any time during the school year may remain enrolled in the school district for the remainder of the semester, after which continued enrollment will require recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the Board, and payment of tuition.</p> <p><u>Students Of Non-Resident Staff Members</u></p> <p>Students of non-resident employees of the District may be enrolled in district schools with payment of tuition.</p> <p><u>Other Non-Resident Students</u></p>
<p>SC 1302 Title 22 Sec. 11.19</p>	<p>A non-resident 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.</p>

<p>Pol. 202</p>	<p><u>Tuition</u></p> <p>The following guidelines shall be followed in the implementation of this policy on the admission of non-resident students on a tuition basis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicant shall have met all the appropriate criteria as set forth in Policy 202. 2. The tuition rate shall be that which is approved annually by the Department of Education. 3. A minimum payment of fifty percent (50%) of the annual tuition cost shall be paid prior to the beginning of each semester in which the student is to be enrolled. 4. Tuition payments as may be necessary for future residents and former residents shall be on a pro-rata basis. 5. Non-resident staff members may make tuition payments on a monthly basis by prior arrangement with the Business Office before the start of the new school year or semester. Refunds will be made for amounts paid in excess of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. From one to twenty (1-20) days of attendance, five percent (5%) of the initial fee will be assessed. b. After twenty-one (21) days, a fee will be assessed on a pro-rata basis of the days in attendance.
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the enrollment of non-resident students which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admit such students only on proper application and submission of required documentation by the parent/guardian. 2. Verify claims of residency.
<p>Pol. 103</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Do not exclude any eligible student on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, or handicap/disability. 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 non-resident student contingent upon maintaining established standards of attendance, discipline and academics.

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	<p>The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board for its approval the admission of qualified applicants.</p> <p>The Board shall not be responsible for the transportation to or from school of any student residing outside of school district boundaries.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 501, 502, 1301, 1302, 1305, 1306, 1306.2, 1309, 1310, 1316, 2503, 2561</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.18, 11.19, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 200, 607, 906</p>
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