

Policy

NONRESIDENTS

The board shall operate the schools of this district for the benefit of all children resident in the district and such others as may be admitted, pursuant to statute and policy of the board. The board reserves the right to verify the residency of any pupil and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship. Documentation required to prove eligibility to attend the schools of this district shall be in accord with policy 5111 Admission and the administrative code.

Future Residents

A child otherwise eligible for attendance whose parent/guardian has signed a contract to buy, build or rent a residence in this district shall be enrolled for a period not to exceed 60 days previous to the anticipated date of residency without tuition charges. If the child has not become a resident of the district by the end of the period of free attendance, tuition shall be required for the remainder of the time until residency is established.

Parents/guardians of children who are future residents shall be required to demonstrate proof of the anticipated residency. The board reserves the right to verify such claims, and to remove from school a nonresident pupil whose claim cannot be verified.

Former Residents

Regularly enrolled children whose parents/guardians have moved out of the school district during the final marking period shall be permitted to finish the school year without payment of tuition. Regularly enrolled children whose parents/guardians move from the district at any other time during the school year may remain enrolled for the remainder of the school year on payment of tuition prorated.

Children of Nonresident Staff Members

Children of nonresident employees of the board may be enrolled tuition free in the schools of this district in grades K-8.

Purpose

The Egg Harbor City Board of Education values the time and dedication of the district staff. There, to accommodate nonresident staff members that may desire that their children receive the benefits of acquiring an education in the Egg Harbor City Public Schools, the district shall allow and consider applications for the enrollment of these perspective students in the Egg Harbor City School District. The enrollment of children of nonresident staff members shall be according to this policy and on a space available basis, and within the confines of the district budget.

Enrollment Permitted in General Education Grades K-8

Nonresident staff members will be permitted to enroll their child(ren) in the general education classes of the Egg Harbor City Public Schools. Any additional costs incurred by the district for available services such as, but not limited to, Special Education programs, One-to-One Aides, Related Services and In-Class support may be billed to the parent with prior consultation.

Criteria for Admission

Children of nonresident staff members (full time instructional or full time non-instructional staff) may be enrolled in the Egg Harbor City Public Schools is subject to the following criteria:

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- A. Space is available in the educational programs of the school.
- B. Once enrolled, non-resident students will remain on roll for the entire school year unless disenrolled by parent or guardian.

Transportation

Student transportation will be the responsibility of the nonresident staff member.

Application Process

The following procedures shall apply to nonresident staff members making application to have their child considered for enrollment in the Egg Harbor City School District:

- A. A written application is submitted to the superintendent's office yearly;
- B. The application should be made six (6) months prior to the requested start date;
- C. Verification will be made by the superintendent's office to ensure that general criteria for admission are met;
- D. The superintendent will decide whether to approve or disapprove the application based on the listed above;
- E. Notification of the superintendent's determination will be sent to the staff member.

Foreign Exchange Students

The board may admit foreign exchange students into district schools in order to promote cultural awareness and understanding among students.

The board may accept exchange students on a J-1 visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the board. Tuition may be waived for students on a J-1 visa.

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the chief school administrator by July 1, preceding the school year of attendance. Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students of this district. The chief school administrator shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission.

Homeless Students

The district will determine the educational placement of homeless students in each child's best interest and respond to appeals concerning them made by parents/guardians or other parties in accordance with New Jersey statutes and administrative code, as well as pertinent federal law. The district will designate a "homeless student liaison" to help the homeless student enroll in school, make sure that the homeless student is enrolled and attending school, and see that the district meets federal and state requirements for educating homeless students.

Other Nonresident Pupils

Other nonresident pupils may be admitted to this district on payment of tuition and availability of space.

The chief school administrator shall develop procedures for the enrollment of nonresident children that allow admission of such children only on the proper application of parent/guardian; verify claims of residency and submission of affidavits of guardianship; deny admission where the educational program maintained for the children of this district is inadequate to meet the needs of the applicant; do not exclude any child, otherwise eligible, on the basis of such child's race, color, creed, national origin, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical

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hereditary cellular or blood trait of any individual or ancestry; and make continued enrollment of any nonresident pupil contingent upon maintaining good standards of citizenship and discipline.

When a child must either relocate to or from this district because his/her parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or a member of the reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and has been ordered into active service, the child shall be eligible to attend the schools of this district without paying tuition. The district shall not be responsible for transporting the child.

The chief school administrator or his/her designee shall recommend to the board for its approval the admission of qualified applicants.

The board shall not be responsible for the transportation to or from school of any nonresident pupils, except as may be required by state or federal law.

The board shall annually determine tuition rates for nonresident pupils.

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