

Students

Non-resident Attendance

The Region 12 School System exists to serve the residents of Region 12. The Region 12 Board of Education supports providing non-residents the opportunity to enroll in our schools. The intended purpose of this policy is to set forth specific contractual stipulations between Region 12 and non-resident families, not school districts.

The Region 12 Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any request for enrollment by a non-resident student, to determine placement of said students, and to unilaterally terminate the enrollment of said students. In addition, the Board of Education assumes neither the costs nor the responsibility for transportation to and from school for non-resident students. Non-resident students are defined as those whose parents or legal guardians reside outside the geographical limits of Region 12.

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept non-resident students in the Region 12 Public Schools in accordance with the criteria set forth in this policy.

Students who are granted non-resident tuition status will be required to conform to all rules and regulations of the school system and may, at any time, be dismissed from the Region 12 Public Schools.

I. General Provisions:

The following shall govern admittance of non-resident students:

- A. The Superintendent or his/her designee may approve the enrollment or continuation of a non-resident student attendance if class size and other considerations such as the availability of resources permit. Decisions regarding class size and/or the availability of resources shall be made by the Superintendent.
- B. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall not hire additional staff to permit enrollment of non-resident children under this policy.
- C. Non-resident children shall be assigned to whatever school the Superintendent or his/her designee deems appropriate.
- D. Non-resident attendance shall be for one school year or less.
- E. Non-resident attendance may be extended from year to year at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Non-resident students will be required to complete an application for continued enrollment on an annual basis.
- F. This policy does not obligate the Board of Education to provide special education programs or services or create unique programs for students. If a non-resident student is enrolled or continued in the Region 12 Public Schools, and such child is eligible for services under the

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), the Region 12 Public Schools shall not act as the “Local Education Agency” (LEA) for such child. The district of residence remains the “Local Education Agency”. In instances where special or additional services are provided for a non-resident student, a supplemental tuition or fee may be charged to the parent based upon the actual costs associated with providing the special or additional services. Failure to pay additional accessed charges is cause for the disenrollment of the student and a return to his/her “Local Education Agency”.

- G. Application for initial and/or continued enrollment shall be made in writing on a form supplied by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- H. At the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the candidate for initial or continued enrollment shall be interviewed by the principal or assistant principal of the school at which enrollment or continued enrollment is sought.
- I. The Superintendent shall not enroll any child who is currently excluded by expulsion from another public or private school. Should it be discovered after enrollment that a student has been expelled from another school, the student shall be immediately disenrolled from the Region 12 Public Schools.
- J. Non-resident students who are suspended or expelled from the Region 12 Public Schools may be disenrolled from the Region 12 Public Schools by the Superintendent of Schools.
- K. Should it be discovered that a student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) had provided false information on his/her application, the student shall be subject to immediate disenrollment.
- L. All non-resident students or their parents or guardians shall provide necessary transportation to and from school.
- M. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a non-resident student admitted to the Region 12 Public Schools shall sign a releases allowing the Region 12 Public Schools access to the student’s records and providing permission for the Region 12 Public Schools to contact the student’s prior school district.
- N. A student’s continuation in the Region 12 Public Schools will be contingent upon the student’s compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Board of Education and the individual school, satisfactory academic progress, and the availability of staff and school resources. The Superintendent or his/her designee may terminate the non-resident student’s enrollment at any time where, in his or her opinion, continuation is not in the best interest of the school system or the student.

Only students who meet the criteria set forth in this policy may enroll or continue in enrollment within the Region 12 Public Schools.

This policy is not applicable for the AgSTEM program. AgSTEM enrollment can only be obtained through the student’s local LEA.

II. Tuition:

The tuition rate for each non-resident student will be established by the Board of Education. Rates are subject to change by action of the Board of Education. Enrolled non-resident families will be notified by June 1st of the tuition rate for the upcoming school year.

Tuition payments shall be made in two equal installments, on or before August 1st, and on or before January 2nd. Students will not be allowed to begin Region 12 Public Schools if their first payment is not received on or before August 1st of each year. In the event that a non-resident student attending the Region 12 Public Schools has unpaid tuition or fees, he/she is subject to immediate disenrollment. Should a student voluntarily withdraw or be disenrolled during the school year, pro-rata fees will be refunded. Tuition shall be paid by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the non-resident student.

III. Due Process:

- A. Students who are disenrolled during a school year may request, in writing, a hearing with a sub-committee of the Region 12 Board of Education within seven calendar days of the notice of the student's disenrollment. At the hearing, the student and his parent(s)/guardian(s) may present evidence and argument as to why the student should not be disenrolled. For good cause shown, the student may call a limited number of witnesses to testify if there is clear need for witnesses to present factual information (rather than simply expressing an opinion on the Superintendent's decision). Cumulative and redundant testimony shall not be allowed.

The Board will affirm the Superintendent's decision unless it determines that his/her decision was arbitrary and capricious. The student shall bear the burden of proof on this point. The Board's decision is final.

- B. Students who are disenrolled following a suspension or expulsion, for late payment, or due to providing false information in support of their application, shall not have access to the hearing process described above.
- C. Decisions concerning a student's application for enrollment or re-enrollment are not subject to the hearing process described above.

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20 USCS § 7801
34 CFR 77.1

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