

## Lower Merion School District

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Title:	NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS
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### 202 NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

The Board shall operate District schools for the benefit of resident children and non-resident children approved for attendance in accordance with Board Policy. The Board directs the Superintendent to establish Administrative Regulations consistent with the guidelines outlined in this Policy.

#### Guidelines

The Board reserves the right to verify the residency of all children and to require periodic renewal of all affidavits relating to student residency, including affidavits of support gratis and multiple occupancy, as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The Board may remove from school attendance a non-resident student whose claim of residency is invalid in accordance with the due process requirements of applicable law.

Non-resident students are accepted by the District under conditions listed below:

1. Non-Resident Children Placed in the Lower Merion School District.

Any child placed in the home of a resident of the Lower Merion School District by a court order or arrangement with an association, agency, or institution having the care of neglected and dependent children shall be admitted to the schools and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same responsibilities as resident children.

2. Residents Moving into District.

At any time during the school year, a grace period of 30 calendar days, prior to occupancy, shall be permitted if a contract has been executed to buy, build or rent a residence within the Lower Merion School District. If the 30 day grace period is exceeded, tuition shall be required from the first day that the child(ren) attended a Lower Merion school until such time as the parent or guardian becomes a resident.

Parents/guardians of children 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 claims and to remove from school any child whose claim of residency is invalid.

3. Residents Moving from District.

a. Regularly enrolled children whose parents/guardians have moved from the District on or after May 15 of the current school year, may be permitted to finish the school year without payment of tuition, so long as the child was lawfully enrolled in the District at the time the child's parents/guardians moved from the District.

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- b. Regularly enrolled children who are seniors and are expected to graduate and whose parents/guardians have moved from the District after the beginning of their senior year shall be permitted to complete the year without payment of tuition, so long as the child was lawfully enrolled in the District at the time the child's parents/guardians moved from the District.
  - c. Regularly enrolled children whose parents moved from the District at any other time during the school year may remain enrolled for the remainder of the school year, except as provided above in "a" and "b", on payment of advance tuition.
4. Students living with a District resident in accordance with Section 1302 of the Public School Code of 1949. Compliance with Section 1302 must be confirmed by affidavit prior to enrollment.
5. Students who are living with their parent/guardian in the home of another District resident as a multiple occupant, so long as an appropriate application for multiple occupancy is submitted and approved.
6. Homeless students, in accordance with applicable state and federal law.
7. Subject to the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee imposing limits on the number of non-resident students for a particular semester, non-resident children may be admitted to the District on a tuition waiver subject to any one of the following conditions:
  - a. The child is visiting this country as an exchange student, resides in the District, and is sponsored by an agency recognized and approved either by the U.S. Information Agency or the International Communication Agency of Exchange Visitor Programs or otherwise by resolution of the Board.
  - b. The child is sponsored by A Better Chance (ABC) or other social service agency approved by the Board.
  - c. The District may prepare I-20 Forms for foreign students seeking F-1 immigration status for coming to the United States to study. Annually, by the required date, the Administration will determine (1) whether the District will accept F-1 students and issue I-20 Forms (2) how many F-1 students it will accept and (3) at what grade levels it is most appropriate to accept such students. The Administration's determination shall be based upon the best interests of the District and its resident students. Any slots that the District makes available for F-1 students shall be filled on a first come-first served basis. The Administration may revisit any or all of the above determinations as it deems necessary or appropriate in its sole discretion. If in a particular year the District determines that it will admit foreign students with F-1 immigration status, then the District will charge the full unsubsidized per capita tuition for each student as required by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

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The District will provide transportation to non-resident students only to the extent required by law or agreement.

Non-resident students, because of unusual or unique circumstances not covered above, may be admitted or retained on a tuition basis when recommended by the Superintendent or designee and approved by the Board.

Any nonresident student found to be attending Lower Merion schools without qualifying under this Policy and without appropriate advanced permission shall be subject to immediate disenrollment after being offered an opportunity for a hearing before the Board or a duly appointed hearing officer and the completion of any such hearing proceedings.

The Board authorizes the administration to investigate credible information, complaints, or circumstances that raise doubt as to a student's residency or continued residency within the District's boundaries. Such investigation is permitted to the extent permitted by law.

### References:

Pennsylvania School Code  
24 P.S. §13-1316  
24 P.S. §13-1302  
24 P.S. §13-1305  
42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.  
22 Pa. Code §11.19