

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

EMANCIPATED MINORS

The Board recognizes that state regulations provide that a school-aged child is entitled to attend the public schools of the child's district of residence.

An emancipated minor is an individual under the age of 21 who chooses to establish a domicile apart from the continued control and support of parents or guardians. A minor living with a spouse is deemed emancipated. An emancipated minor is entitled to attend the public school in the district where he/she resides.

1. As a general rule, the above definition of emancipated minor shall apply for all purposes of the School District, including the right to attend the schools within the District, excuses from attendance, and signature of documents. This definition shall not apply to students receiving special education services.
2. Emancipation for educational purposes is a District decision. In the absence of a court order or other legal requirement, the student shall complete the emancipation form and submit it to the principal. The principal will review the form and forward it to the school counselor for additional information.
3. In the event that student claims emancipation under this policy, the school counselor shall conduct a careful investigation, including contacting the student's parent/guardian when reasonably practicable, and contacting any adult with whom the student may be residing.
4. If a student does not reside with his/her parent or legal guardian, but is living with and receiving support from another adult, the student's admission to the District is subject to the conditions specified in Section 1302 of the Public School Code.
5. If a student is not supported by an adult, a determination of emancipation will be made and documented by a statement signed by the student and, whenever reasonably practicable, the student's parent/guardian and any adult with whom the student is domiciled.
6. A student shall not be deemed emancipated based on any short-term living arrangement or temporary situation.
7. Transfer students who claim emancipation shall be required to complete the Emancipation Affidavit.
8. This policy shall not be applied in any manner whereby it results in the violation of any applicable state or federal law, including, but not limited to, laws pertaining to the education of homeless youth. Any exception to this policy must be approved in writing by the Superintendent.

Reference: 22 Pa. Code § 11.11.

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