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Nonresident Student Admission Policy

The Board, recognizing that its resident students need an orderly educational process and environment, free from disruption, overcrowding, and any kind of violence or disruptive influences, hereby establishes criteria for the discretionary admission of nonresident students.

1. Except as required by § 20-5-321, MCA, the District will admit nonresident students at its discretion. As such, the District will screen all nonresident students and consider only those who meet the criteria set forth in this policy.
2. Every new nonresident student who wishes to attend District schools must apply for admission for the succeeding school year by April 30. Admission in one school year does not infer or guarantee admission in subsequent years.
3. Nonresident students applying to attend a school within School District 5 or Flathead High School District are subject to final decision on placement made by the Superintendent based on space and academic factors.
4. The District will examine a student's records from previous school districts before approval of admission.
5. The District has the option of accepting a nonresident student who does not meet the criteria set forth by the administration, if the student agrees to special conditions of admission as set forth by the District.
6. The District will not admit nonresident students when doing so would require hiring additional staff or providing educational services not currently offered or would create crowding of existing classes.
7. All resident students who become nonresidents because their parents or guardians move out of the District may continue attendance for the semester, barring registration in another District. At the completion of the semester, a student must apply as a nonresident student.
8. The Board reserves the right to charge tuition for nonresident students. At its discretion, the Board may charge or waive tuition for all students whose tuition is required to be paid by one kind of entity, defined as either a parent or guardian or a school district. Any waiver of tuition will be applied equally to all students whose tuition is paid by the same kind of entity (i.e., if the District charges tuition in those circumstances where a resident district pays but waives tuition in those circumstances where a parent or guardian is responsible for tuition, the tuition waiver will be applicable to all students whose parents or guardians bear the responsibility for payment).

9. All nonresident students will be considered ineligible transportees for school transportation services from their home district(s) (§ 20-10-101, MCA).
10. The Board may declare an emergency which, in its opinion, necessitates the removal of all nonresident students from District schools.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-5-314, MCA	Reciprocal attendance agreement with adjoining State or province
	§ 20-5-320, MCA	Attendance with discretionary approval
	§ 20-5-321, MCA	Attendance with mandatory approval – tuition and transportation
	§ 20-5-322, MCA	Residency determination – notification – appeal for attendance agreement
	§ 20-5-323, MCA	Tuition and transportation rates
	10.10.301B, ARM	Out-of-District Attendance Agreements

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