

# FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Purpose**

The Board shall operate district schools for the benefit of students resident in this district who are eligible for attendance.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

## **Authority**

The Board may permit the admission of nonresident students in accordance with Board policy.[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

The Board shall require that appropriate legal documentation showing dependency or guardianship or a sworn statement of residential support be filed with the building principal before an eligible nonresident student may be accepted as a student in the district schools. The Board may require a resident to submit additional reasonable information to substantiate a sworn statement, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Education.[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

The Board reserves the right to verify claims of residency, dependency and guardianship and to remove from school attendance a nonresident student whose claim is invalid.[\[7\]](#)

The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to or from school for any student residing outside school district boundaries.

If information contained in the sworn statement of residential support is found to be false, the student shall be removed from school after notice is given of an opportunity to appeal the student's removal, in accordance with Board policy.[\[7\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

## **Guidelines**

### **Nonresident Children Placed in the District**

Any child placed in the home of a district resident by a court or government agency shall be admitted to district schools and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same responsibilities as resident students.[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

### Residents of Institutions

A child who is living in or assigned to a facility or institution for the care or training of children that is located within this district is not a legal resident of the district by such placement; but the child shall be admitted to district schools, and a charge shall be made for tuition in accordance with law.[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)[\[16\]](#)[\[17\]](#)[\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)

### Prospective Residents

A student eligible for attendance whose parent/guardian has executed a contract to buy, build or rent a residence in this district for occupancy within ninety (90) days may be enrolled with payment of tuition.[\[5\]](#)[\[20\]](#)

If the student becomes a resident of the district within the ninety (90) day period, all tuition charges will be refunded.

Parents/Guardians of students who claim admission on the basis of future residency shall be required to demonstrate proof of the anticipated residency.

### Former Residents

Regularly enrolled seniors whose parents/guardians have moved out of the school district may be permitted to finish the semester without payment of tuition. After the end of the semester, the parents/guardians shall be charged tuition monthly in advance. Regularly enrolled students, other than seniors, whose parents/guardians have moved out of the school district, may be permitted to finish the marking period without the payment of tuition.[\[5\]](#)[\[20\]](#)

### Other Nonresident Students

Nonresident students may be permitted to stay a period of time as determined by the Superintendent or designee. A nonresident student may be admitted to district schools without payment of tuition where attendance is justified on the grounds that the student lives full-time and not just for the school year with district residents who have assumed legal dependency or guardianship or residential support of the student.[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

The district shall immediately enroll homeless students, even if the student or parent/guardian is unable to produce the required documents, in accordance with Board policy, laws and regulations.[\[21\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations for the enrollment of nonresident students.

The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board for its approval the admission of qualified nonresident students.

- Legal
- [1. 24 P.S. 501](#)
  - [2. 24 P.S. 502](#)
  - [3. 24 P.S. 503](#)
  - [4. 24 P.S. 1301](#)
  - [5. 24 P.S. 1316](#)
  6. Pol. 200

[7. 24 P.S. 1302](#)

[8. 22 PA Code 11.19](#)

9. Pol. 906

[10. 24 P.S. 1305](#)

[11. 24 P.S. 1331.1](#)

[12. 22 PA Code 11.18](#)

[13. 24 P.S. 1306](#)

[14. 24 P.S. 1307](#)

[15. 24 P.S. 1308](#)

[16. 24 P.S. 1309](#)

[17. 24 P.S. 1310](#)

[18. 24 P.S. 2561](#)

[19. 24 P.S. 2562](#)

20. Administrative Regulation - 202-AR

21. Pol. 251

[24 P.S. 1306.2](#)

[24 P.S. 2503](#)

[22 PA Code 11.41](#)

Pol. 103

Pol. 103.1

Pol. 607