EAST RAMAPO 5152

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENCY AND EDUCATIONAL ENTITLEMENTS

It is the general policy of the Board of Education not to accept any students who are not residents of the school district.

Determining Residency

Children who live with one or both natural parents or legal guardians residing in the school district are legal residents of the school district and are, therefore, eligible to attend the district's schools.

As to the residency status and educational entitlement of a child whose parent(s) do not reside within the school district or whose parent's address is different from that of the student, the student shall only be considered a resident of the school district and, therefore, entitled to a tuition free education in the school district if (a) the student can establish that he actually resides in the school district and that such residence is the student's actual and only place of domicile and that it is intended to be permanent, or (b) the student is legally placed in a foster or group home within the district.

If, after conducting its investigation, the Board or its designee determines that the student does not actually reside within the school district, the district will provide written notice of this determination, within two business days of having made it, to the parent, the person in parental relation or to the child. This notice will include the basis for the determination, the date the student will be excluded from the school district and a statement regarding the right to appeal the Board's determination to the Commissioner of Education within 30 days together with the procedure for taking such appeal.

In those situations where a child is presented for enrollment in the school district, but questions of residency exist, the school district will enroll the student on a temporary basis so as not to disrupt the education of the student and shall promptly conduct an investigation to determine whether or not the student actually does reside within the school district.

Future Residents

The children of families who have signed a contract to buy or build a residence in the school district may be enrolled during the semester in which they expect to become residents, without payment of tuition.

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