

**Policy**

**NONRESIDENTS**

The Chester Board of Education shall operate the schools of this district for the benefit of all children resident in the district and such others as may be admitted, pursuant to statute and policy of the board. The board reserves the right to verify the residency of any student and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship. Documentation required to prove eligibility to attend the schools of this district shall be in accord with policy 5111 Admission and the administrative code.

**Future Residents**

A child otherwise eligible for attendance whose parent/guardian has signed a contract to buy, build or rent a residence in this district shall be enrolled for a period not to exceed 60 days previous to the anticipated date of residency without tuition charges. If the child has not become a resident of the district by the end of the period of free attendance, tuition shall be required for the remainder of the time until residency is established.

Parents/guardians of children who are future residents shall be required to demonstrate proof of the anticipated residency. The board reserves the right to verify such claims, and to remove from school a nonresident student whose claim cannot be verified.

**Former Residents**

Regularly enrolled children whose parents/guardians have moved out of the school district during the final marking period shall be permitted to finish the school year without payment of tuition. Regularly enrolled children whose parents/guardians move from the district at any other time during the school year may remain enrolled for the remainder of the school year on payment of tuition prorated.

**Children of Nonresident Staff Members**

Nonresident staff members may have their child educated in the Chester School District under the following conditions:

- A. Availability of space in the requested grade level, based on the August 1 enrollment prior to the requested school year of attendance. Class size shall not exceed 22 students, including the children of nonresident staff members.
- B. Tuition will be one half of the cost per student, as determined in the advertised budget for the school year in which the child will be enrolled.
- C. Requests for enrollment must be made in writing to the Superintendent at least 60 days prior to the start of the school year, and no earlier than January 1 preceding the school year for which enrollment is requested. Requests will be considered on a first-come, first serve basis.
- D. A formal contract shall be signed by the parents.

**Children of Nonresident Staff Members for Pre-School**

- A. Availability of space in pre-school will be based on the April 1 enrollment prior to the requested school year of attendance after all Chester residents have had the opportunity to register.
- B. Tuition for pre-school will be calculated at the current full rate as charged to all Chester resident students.

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### Foreign Exchange Students

The board may admit foreign exchange students into district schools in order to promote cultural awareness and understanding among students.

The board may accept exchange students on a J-1 visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the board. Tuition may be waived for students on a J-1 visa.

The board may accept privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established district rate. Tuition cannot be waived for students on an F-1 visa, and attendance in district schools shall not exceed 12 months. Students attending the schools of this district on an F-1 visa may not participate in any adult-education programs sponsored by the board under any circumstances.

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the chief school administrator by July 1 preceding the school year of attendance. Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students of this district. The chief school administrator shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission.

### Victims of Domestic Violence

A child who moves out of a school district as a result of domestic violence, sexual abuse or other family crises shall be permitted to remain enrolled in that district for the remainder of the school year. If the child remains enrolled in the district for the remainder of the school year, the school district shall provide transportation services to the child, provided the child lives remote from school, and the State shall reimburse the school district for the cost of the transportation services.

### Homeless Students

The district will determine the educational placement of homeless students in each child's best interest and respond to appeals concerning them made by parents/guardians or other parties in accordance with New Jersey statutes and administrative code, as well as pertinent federal law.

### Other Nonresident Students

Other nonresident students may be admitted to this district on payment of tuition and availability of space.

The chief school administrator shall develop procedures for the enrollment of nonresident children that allow admission of such children only on the proper application of parent/guardian; verify claims of residency and submission of affidavits of guardianship; deny admission where the educational program maintained for the children of this district is inadequate to meet the needs of the applicant; do not exclude any child, otherwise eligible, on the basis of such child's race, color, creed, national origin, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait of any individual or ancestry; and make continued enrollment of any nonresident student contingent upon maintaining good standards of citizenship and discipline.

When a child must either relocate to or from this district because his/her parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or a member of the reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and has been ordered into active service, the child shall be eligible to attend the schools of this district without paying tuition. The district shall not be responsible for transporting the child.

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The chief school administrator or his/her designee shall recommend to the board for its approval the admission of qualified applicants.

The board shall not be responsible for the transportation to or from school of any nonresident students, except as may be required by state or federal law.

The board shall annually determine tuition rates for nonresident students.

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Key Words

Nonresidents, Tuition Student, Affidavit Student, Homeless Student

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| <b><u>Legal References:</u></b> | <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-45</u>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Definitions                                                           |
|                                 | <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1</u>                                                                                                                                                                                         | General mandatory powers and duties                                   |
|                                 | <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-14 et seq.</u>                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 1999</u>         |
|                                 | <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 et seq.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                 | Attendance at school free of charge                                   |
|                                 | <u>See particularly:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |
|                                 | <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1.1, 38-2, 38-3, 38-8, 38-9</u>                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                       |
|                                 | <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:46-20</u>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Receiving students from outside district; establishment of facilities |
|                                 | <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20</u>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Powers of board (county vocational schools)                           |
|                                 | <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:12-1.3 et seq.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                | Interdistrict Public School Choice                                    |
|                                 | <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:17-1.1 et seq.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                | Students at Risk of Not Receiving a Public Education                  |
|                                 | <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:22</u>                                                                                                                                                                                            | Student residency                                                     |
|                                 | <u>See particularly:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |
|                                 | <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3</u>                                                                                                                                                                                          | Eligibility to attend school                                          |
|                                 | <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.1</u>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Students domiciled within the school district                         |
|                                 | <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-19.2</u>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Method of determining the district of residence                       |
|                                 | <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-19.3</u>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Address submission for determining the district of residence          |
|                                 | <u>8 U.S.C. 1101 - Illegal Immigrant and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1997</u>                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |
|                                 | <u>Board of Education of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs v. Board of Education of the City of Englewood</u> , 132 NJ 327; cert. denied, 510 U.S. 991 (1993); subsequent listing 333 N.J. Super. (App. Div. 2000) |                                                                       |
|                                 | <u>Every Student Succeeds Act</u> , Pub. L. 114-95, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.                                                                                                                                     |                                                                       |
|                                 | <u>J.A. v. Board of Education of South Orange/Maplewood</u> , 318 N.J. Super. 512 (App. Div. 1999)                                                                                                               |                                                                       |

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| <b><u>Cross References:</u></b> | 3240   | Tuition income               |
|                                 | *5111  | Admission                    |
|                                 | *5114  | Suspension and expulsion     |
|                                 | 6142.5 | Travel and exchange programs |
|                                 | *6151  | Class size                   |

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.