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POLICY

ADMISSION

Eligibility

The board of education shall admit to its schools free of charge the following persons over five and under 20 years of age:

- A. Any student domiciled within the district;
- B. Any student kept in the home of a person other than the student’s parent/guardian, where the person is domiciled in the school district and is supporting the student without remuneration as if the student were his/her own child;
- C. Any student kept in the home of a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent/guardian, where the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the reserve component of the United States armed forces and has been ordered into active military service in the United States armed forces in time of war or national emergency;
- D. Any student whose parent/guardian temporarily resides within the district, notwithstanding the existence of a domicile elsewhere;
- E. Any student whose parent/guardian moves to another district as the result of being homeless, subject to the provisions of administrative code;
- F. Any student placed in the home of a district resident by court order pursuant to statute;
- G. Any student previously residing in the district if the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the United States reserves and has been ordered to active service in time of war or national emergency pursuant to statute; and
- H. Any student residing on federal property within the state pursuant to statute.

Proof of Eligibility

The board shall accept any of the forms of documentation that are listed in the administrative code when they are presented by persons attempting to demonstrate a student’s eligibility for enrollment in the district. The board shall consider the totality of information and documentation offered by an applicant and may accept other forms of documentation or information presented by a person seeking to enroll a student. The board shall not require or request any information or document protected from disclosure by law or pertaining to criteria that are not legitimate bases for determining eligibility to attend school.

ADMISSION (continued)

Kindergarten

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to the kindergarten provided:

- A. The child will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of that school year;
- B. Proof shall be furnished of immunization against the communicable diseases at the time of enrollment or such immunization shall be completed within 30 days from date of entry into the school;
- C. The child shall have been examined by either the school or a private physician, and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.

Grade One

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to grade one provided:

- A. The child will have completed a New Jersey Department of Education accredited private/public kindergarten program or attained the age of six years on or before October 1 of that school year.

The kindergarten teacher may recommend any child whose sixth birthday occurs between October 2 and December 31 for the readiness test for possible transfer to the first grade. This assessment program, which includes professional staff evaluation, will be accomplished by early October or four to six weeks after the child is enrolled.

- B. He/she has been in the first grade in another public school;
- C. Proof has been furnished of immunization against communicable diseases.

Transfers Into Grades One through Eight

Pupils transferring into the district are expected to present copies of records from the previously attended school (or district) to aid in placement. Also required are proof of immunization and proof of identity such as birth certificate, social security card, etc.

Within the time prescribed by law, the chief school administrator or designee shall request in writing from the school or district of previous attendance, the pupil's records.

Initial placement shall be made on the basis of the records, but adjustment may be made at the discretion of the administration when the state-mandated/local assessment indicates that such adjustments would be beneficial to the child. Parents/guardians shall be informed of this policy on registration.

ADMISSION (Continued)

Joint Custody

When divorced parents/guardians have joint custody of (a) minor child(ren), admission shall be based on the present address of the parent/guardian with whom the child(ren) resided as of the date required by administrative code.

Affidavit Pupils

When there is any doubt as to whether a child is entitled to free public education in the district schools, all procedures of law and code shall be followed.

Nonresidents

The district is obliged to educate children of appropriate age residing in the district. The mere owning of any property whatsoever does not qualify a parent/guardian to send children to school in this school district. See policy 5118 Nonresidents.

Homeless Pupils

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.

Out-of-Home Care Pupils

The Child Welfare Reform Plan requires that all reasonable steps be taken to ensure that children in out-of-home placements, e.g. foster/resource family, group home or residential treatment care, are registered for and attending school within 72 hours of placement, in accordance with New Jersey statutes and administrative code.

The board shall make this policy available to parents and the public.

<u>Legal References:</u>	N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12	District of residence; determination
	N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12.1	Homeless child; responsibility for education; determination of placement; payment of costs
	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19a	Newly enrolled students; records and identification
	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25.1	Proof of child's identity required for enrollment; transfer of record between districts
	N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1	Attendance at school free of charge
	N.J.S.A. 18A:38-2	Free attendance at school by nonresidents placed in district under court order
	N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3	Attendance at school by nonresidents
	N.J.S.A. 18A:38-4	Free attendance to persons over age
	N.J.S.A. 18A:38-5	Admission of pupils under age
	N.J.S.A. 18A:38-5.1	No child to be excluded from school because of race, etc.

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Legal References (Continued)

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-6	Time of admission of pupils; first school year
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-7.7	Legislative findings and declarations
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8	Duty to receive pupils from other districts
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25	Attendance required of children between six and 16; exceptions
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-20	Immunization at public expense
N.J.S.A. 18A:44-1	Establishment of nursery schools or departments; eligibility for admission
N.J.S.A. 18A:44-2	Establishment of kindergarten; eligibility for admission
N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1	Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunization
N.J.S.A. 26:4-6	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
N.J.A.C. 6:3-9.2	School enrollment
N.J.A.C. 6:5-1.1 et seq.	Provisions for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.2	Choice district procedures
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.	Special Education
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.5	Student health records
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2	Required student medical examinations
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.2, -5.3	Method of determining the district of residence ...
<i>N.J.A.C. 6A:24-3.1 through -3.4</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>
N.J.A.C. 6A:28-2.1 et seq.	Entitlement to Attend School Based on Domicile or Residency in District
See particularly: N.J.A.C. 6A:28-2.3, -2.4, -2.5	
N.J.A.C. 8:57	Communicable diseases
See particularly: N.J.A.C. 8:57-2	
N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1	Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV)

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

Possible

Cross References:	3240 Tuition income
	5118 Nonresidents
	5119 Transfers
	5120 Assessment of individual needs
	5141 Health

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Possible Cross References (Continued)

- 5141.2 Illness
- 5141.3 Health examinations and immunizations
- 6142.5 Travel and exchange programs
- 6164.4 Child study team
- 6171.4 Special education
- 6174 Summer school
- 6178 Early childhood education/preschool

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