

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: Eligibility of Nonresident Students

CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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201. ELIGIBILITY OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

The Board shall operate the schools of this district for the benefit of children resident in this district and eligible for attendance.

The Board may permit the admission of nonresident students in accordance with terms of this policy.

The Board reserves the right to verify the residency of any student and to require a sworn statement of residential support for the student who resides with a person other than his/her parent or guardian.

A. Nonresident Children Placed in the District

Any child placed in a home located within this district by a court or an agency shall be admitted to the schools and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same duties as resident children.

B. Future Residents

A child otherwise eligible for attendance whose parent has executed a contract to buy, build, or rent a residence in this district for occupancy may be enrolled without payment of tuition provided that the anticipated date of residency is not more than 45 school days from the enrollment date.

Parents of children who claim admission on the basis of future residency 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 is invalid.

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If the child does not become a resident of the district within 45 school days after the enrollment date, but the Superintendent is satisfied that the reasons for the delay were beyond the control of the child’s parents and that the child will likely become a resident within 90 school days after the enrollment date, the Superintendent may extend the child’s period of attendance for up to an additional period of 45 school days. The Board may consider an appeal of any decision of Superintendent denying such an extension.

**C. Former Residents**

Regularly enrolled children in grade 12 who have attended the district’s schools continuously since the beginning of **grade 10** and whose custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) move out of the school district may be permitted to finish the current school year without payment of tuition. Twelfth grade begins the day after the end of the school year for which the student passes the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The current school year is the school year during which the parent(s) or guardian(s) move out of the district. For purposes of this policy, a school year begins the day after the end of the preceding school year and ends on the last day of school in June.

Regularly enrolled children in grades K-11 whose custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) move out of the school district during either the first semester or the second semester may be permitted to finish that semester without payment of tuition. For purposes of this policy, the first semester begins on the first day of school for a school year (in August or September) and ends on that day designated as the end of the first semester for that school year, and the second semester begins on the day designated as the beginning of the second semester for that school year and ends on the last day of school for that school year (in June).

A nonresident student who was permitted to attend the schools of this district as a tuition student by action of the Board prior to January 1, 2003, and who was in attendance as a tuition student as of the last day of the 2002-2003 school year, may be permitted to attend the schools of this district upon payment of tuition through the earliest of (1) graduation, (2) the student’s twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) birthday, (3) the date the student is enrolled in another school, (4) the date the student withdraws or is withdrawn from school, or (5) the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of a month, if the tuition due for that month has not been paid by that date. Tuition must be paid for all years attended as a nonresident, including grade 12.

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D. Other Nonresident Students

A nonresident student may be admitted to this district 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 support the student gratis as their own (as provided in Section 1302 of the Public School Code) or is visiting this country as an exchange student and lives in the district.

When the legal guardian with whom a nonresident student resides moves out of the district, the nonresident student, regardless of the grade level of the child, must be withdrawn from the school district.

Except as provided in this policy, no nonresident students shall be admitted to this district, with or without payment of tuition.

E. Tuition

Tuition rates shall be determined in accordance with statute. Tuition shall be charged monthly, in advance of attendance.

F. Transportation.

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

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