



SECTION: 500

TITLE: NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	<u>POLICY 500 - NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS</u>		1
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3	I. PURPOSE	<p>The Board shall operate the schools of this district for the benefit of children resident in this district and eligible for attendance. Additionally, the Board may permit the admission of non-resident students in accordance with terms of this policy.</p>	3
4	SC 501		4
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8	II. DEFINITION		8
9	24-PS-13-1302		9
10		<p>Non-resident students are those where parents or guardians do not reside in the school district. Non-resident students are those who have not taken residency in the school district at the time of registration or are students living with a relative, friend, or guardian who is a resident of the school district and has accepted formal guardianship of the student.</p>	10
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14	III. AUTHORITY		14
15	24-PS-SC 13-1302		15
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17		<p>Non-resident students shall be pre-registered at the Pupil Services Office prior to completing the registration process at the local school office.</p> <p>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, guardian, or custodian.</p>	17
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22	IV. DELEGATION		22
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24	RESPONSIBILITY	24	
25		<p>All requests for information received by school personnel regarding resident and non-resident pupils should be referred to the Superintendent/Designee. All affidavits and requests to attend as non-resident students must be processed through the Superintendent/Designee.</p> <p><u>Non-resident Children Placed in the District</u></p> <p>Any child placed in the home of a resident of this district by a court or an agency of government shall be admitted to the schools and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same duties as resident children.</p>	25
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27	V. GUIDELINES		27
28	24 PS-SC 13-1305		28
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2	GUIDELINES	<u>Inmates of Institutions/Adult Facilities</u>	2
3	24-PS-SC 13-1306-9	A child who is an inmate of an institution for the care or training of children located within this district, is not a legal resident of the district by such placement but shall be admitted to the schools of this district, and a charge shall be made for tuition in accordance with statute.	3
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8	24-PS-SC-13-1309	A child incarcerated in an adult facility is not a legal resident of the district by such placement, but shall be admitted to the schools of this district and a charge shall be made for tuition in accordance with statute.	8
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12	ACT 30 (1997)	<u>Resident Legal Guardians</u>	12
13	24 PS-SC-13-1302	The school district shall accept pupils from other areas who make their full-time home in the Neshaminy School District. Before a child is accepted, the person(s) with whom such a child is residing shall file with the Superintendent/Designee a sworn statement that they are residents of the district, verification that they are supporting the child <i>gratis</i> , that they will assume all personal obligations and responsibilities for the academic achievement and good standing of the child, and that they intend to so keep and support the child continuously and not merely through the school term. The resident must also show cause why the student cannot live with his parents or guardian.	13
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24		For admittance of such students, the district shall require submission of the following:	24
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27		1. A signed and notarized affidavit of guardianship documenting residency of the child in question.	27
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30		2. An official written statement stating that the guardian registered the child as a tax dependent (W-4 form) and that the natural parent(s) has deleted their child from tax dependent status. Neshaminy School District will forward statements to the proper federal taxing authority.	30
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35		3. Periodic verification that the child is living in the resident's home on a full-time basis.	35
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38		4. The resident and natural parent(s) to renew the guardianship status at the beginning of each school year with the Superintendent/Designee, in the administration office.	38
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42		5. Any student sixteen (16) years old or older have his/her driver's permit or license registered in the resident's address.	42
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45		<u>Cultural Exchange Students</u>	45
46		With approval of the Superintendent, the school district may accept a non-resident pupil who is classified as a cultural exchange student from a foreign nation and lives with a resident of the school district. In such cases, the tuition shall be waived.	46
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Future Residents

A student whose parents have scheduled a settlement date to move into the District after the start of the school year, but prior to the end of the first marking period, will be accepted as a student from the start of the year Without payment of tuition until his/her parents become residents. The parents must supply evidence that they have executed a contract to buy, build, or rent a residence for occupancy in the Neshaminy School District. The Board reserves the right to verify evidence submitted and to remove students from school if evidence cannot be validated. Transportation for these non-resident students will not be provided. If there are unavoidable delays in construction that prevent completion of the home within the required time period, the Superintendent/Designee or designee may visit the construction site to verify the stage of development that would justify or not justify the continued school attendance of the student.

Residents Who Relocate

A resident pupil who ceases to reside within the boundaries of the school district after the beginning of the fourth marking period (after the start of the second semester for seniors only) shall be allowed to finish that school year without payment of tuition, provided that the school building principal recommends continued enrollment. Transportation for these students will not be provided.

A resident pupil enrolled in grades kindergarten through grade 12 who ceases to reside within the boundaries of the school district after the start of the school year must be withdrawn from the Neshaminy School District, unless the parents/guardian of such a student receive permission from the Superintendent/Designee to have the student continue enrollment on a tuition basis.

Parents/guardians requesting continued enrollment on a tuition basis must receive a recommendation from the building principal

Parents/guardians requesting continued enrollment on a tuition basis must make a written request stating same to the Superintendent/Designee. This written request must contain detailed explanations as to why enrollment on a tuition basis is necessary. The Superintendent/Designee will have the authority to grant or deny such requests.

Parents/guardians receiving permission from the Superintendent/Designee to have their child continue enrollment in the Neshaminy School District on a tuition basis will be required to remit the full cost of the tuition before enrollment may be continued.

Transportation for these non-resident tuition students will not be provided by the school district.

In cases of multiple residency, a **Parent Residency Affidavit** with a notarized seal must be completed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of

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the child, and submitted to the local school in order to complete registration. Parents who falsify information on the Parent Residency Affidavit or who fail to meet notification requirements may be held liable by the district for reimbursement of tuition and costs.

Before enrollment of a multiple residency child in the Neshaminy School District, compliance with proof of residency must be provided as per School District Policy #502.

Tuition Students

With the approval of the Board of School Directors, the School District may accept a non-resident student as a tuition student in the Neshaminy School District.

Tuition rate will be based on a formula established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Estimated rates are used until the actual rate is determined during the school year. Failure to pay tuition will result in immediate withdrawal of the student from school, and re-registration will not be permitted until such time as the parent(s) actually become residents.

Continued attendance of a pupil on a tuition basis is contingent upon adherence to the established rules of proper student decorum and upon good academic standing as evidenced by the school building principal.

Homeless Students

Homeless students may not be denied admission, segregated, or stigmatized in the Neshaminy School District.

Decisions regarding homeless children will be made in accordance with Federal and state statutes and laws and will be coordinated by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Homeless parents must be given written notice of their right to appeal Placement decisions made by the district.

Discretionary Action

The Superintendent may make exception to the requirements outlined above on a case-by-case basis if individual circumstances and the best interests of

the School District warrants such consideration. Such exceptions shall apply only to rules passed at the discretion of the Board and not to Code Section 1302 and 1305.

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42 U.S.C. 11301,
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13-1301, 13-1302

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