

**Policy**

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NONRESIDENTS

The Board 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 pupil 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.

Tuition Pupils

Non-resident students may be accepted in the Plainfield Public Schools only if the Plainfield resident enrollment permits the addition of these students, and only upon payment of properly established tuition.

Reciprocal Agreements

Reciprocal agreements have been authorized by the Board of Education with the school districts of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Dunellen, South Plainfield, Green Brook, Piscataway, and Watchung Regional High School, allowing a Plainfield High School student who moves to one of these districts as a senior to complete his senior year in Plainfield High School without payment of tuition.

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 6 weeks 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 pupil whose claim cannot be verified.

Transfer after April 1

Any student, who moves out of the District after April 1, may complete the school year without payment of tuition.

Transfer before April 1

Any student, who moves out of the District before April 1, may complete the school year upon payment of the properly established tuition and upon written permission of the Chief School Administrator.

Group Homes/Teaching Family Programs

Whenever the State or any of its agencies shall place any child in the Plainfield Public Schools, the child shall be entitled to the educational benefits of the District; provided, however, that the District of residence, as determined by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to law, shall be responsible for paying tuition for such child to the district in which he is placed.

The District of residence for children who are in residential State facilities, or who have been placed by State agencies in group homes, private schools, or out-of-state facilities, shall be the present district of residence of the parent or guardian with whom the child lived prior to his most recent admission to a State facility or most recent placement by a State agency.

NONRESIDENTS (continued)Children of Nonresident Staff Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and at the sole discretion of the Board, the policy requirement that nonresident students shall pay full tuition charges may be waived, on an individual basis, for children of Plainfield Public Schools full time employees. Such waiver, which shall be considered annually, is for tuition charges only; transportation is the responsibility of the parents. It should be noted that this paragraph excludes and prohibits the waiver of any kind for the District's Early Childhood Program.

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.

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.

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, as well as pertinent federal law. The district will designate a "homeless student liaison" to help the homeless student enroll in school, make sure that the homeless student is enrolled and attending school, and see that the district meets federal and state requirements for educating homeless students.

Other Nonresident Pupils

Other nonresident pupils 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 pupil contingent upon maintaining good standards of citizenship and discipline.

NONRESIDENTS (continued)

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.

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 pupils, except as may be required by state or federal law.

The Board shall annually determine tuition rates for nonresident pupils.

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Key Words

Nonresidents, Tuition Pupil, Affidavit Pupil, Homeless Pupil

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3 Definitions  
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-1 et seq. Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 1999  
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 et seq. Attendance at school free of charge  
See particularly:  
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-2, 38-3, 38-8, 38-9

N.J.S.A. 18A:46-20 Receiving pupils from outside district; establishment of facilities  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of Board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.A.C. 6A:12-1.3 et seq. Interdistrict Public School Choice  
N.J.A.C. 6A:17-1.1 et seq. Students at Risk of Not Receiving a Public Education  
N.J.A.C. 6A:22 Student residency  
See particularly:  
N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3 Eligibility to attend school  
N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.1 Students domiciled within the school district  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.2 Method of determining the district of residence  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.3 Address submission for determining the district of residence

Illegal Immigrant and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1997, 8 U.S.C. 1101

Board of Education of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs v. Board of Education of the City of Englewood, 132 NJ 327; cert. denied, 510 U.S. 991 (1993); subsequent listing 333 N.J. Super. (App. Div. 2000)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

J.A. v. Board of Education of South Orange/Maplewood, 318 N.J. Super. 512 (App. Div. 1999)

**Possible**

**Cross References:** 3240 Tuition income  
\*5111 Admission

NONRESIDENTS (continued)

- \*5114 Suspension and expulsion
- 6142.5 Travel and exchange programs
- \*6151 Class size

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