

### NONRESIDENTS

The River Edge 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

At the start of the school year, 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 two (2) months 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 all the time from the beginning of the student's attendance 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 before the end of the year but after April 1, may remain enrolled for the remained of 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

Children of nonresident employees of the board may be enrolled in the schools of this district on payment of tuition and in accordance with policy for other nonresident students.

#### 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. 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.

Natural disasters, such as hurricanes, often lead to an increase in the number of displaced families seeking shelter in New Jersey. Students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence are considered homeless and are eligible for services, pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

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Displaced students shall be immediately enrolled even if they do not have any school records. The district is also responsible for translating the school records if the records are in another language. When records cannot be readily obtained, the principal shall seek input from the parent or guardian and, based on those discussions and any evaluative information available, place the student in classes in the grade that is consistent with the student's biological age.

For students with disabilities, the child study team shall immediately consult with the student's parent or guardian, and conduct a review of available evaluation information and the student's current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to provide a program comparable to what the student had been receiving. Within 30 days of the transfer, all needed evaluations shall be conducted and a new IEP developed.

When the displaced student does not have an in-state district of origin, the state shall assume financial responsibility for tuition and pays the tuition to the district in which the child is currently enrolled until the parent/guardian establishes a permanent residence or is deemed domiciled in another jurisdiction. Students experiencing homelessness shall not be required to present residency affidavits to enroll in school.

Other Nonresident Students

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

The superintendent 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.

The superintendent 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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Nonresidents, Tuition Student, Affidavit Student, Homeless Student

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-45	Definitions
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36B-14 <u>et seq.</u>	<u>Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 1999</u>

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<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-14 <u>et seq.</u> <u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-1.1, 38-2, 38-3, 38-8, 38-9	Attendance at school free of charge
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-20	Receiving students from outside district; establishment of facilities
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:12-1.3 <u>et seq.</u>	Interdistrict Public School Choice
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:17-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Education for homeless children and students in state facilities
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:22 <u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:22-3	Student residency
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:22-3.1	Eligibility to attend school
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-19.2	Students domiciled within the school district
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-19.3	Method of determining the district of residence
district of residence	Address submission for determining the
8 <u>U.S.C.</u> 1101 - <u>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>U.S.</u> 991 (1993); subsequent listing 333 <u>N.J. Super.</u> (App. Div. 2000)	
<u>Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015</u> , Pub. L. 114-95, 20 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> 6301 <u>et seq.</u>	
<u>J.A. v. Board of Education of South Orange/Maplewood</u> , 318 <u>N.J. Super.</u> 512 (App. Div 1999)	

**Possible**

<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.