

# FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELIGIBILITY OF  
NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

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202. ELIGIBILITY OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS	
<p>1. Purpose SC 501, 502</p>	<p>The Board shall operate district schools for the benefit of <b>students</b> residing in this district who are eligible for attendance.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1301, 1316 Pol. 200</p>	<p>The Board may permit the admission of nonresident students in accordance with <b>Board</b> policy.</p>
<p>SC 1302 Title 22 Sec. 11.19</p>	<p><b>In the case of guardianship or residence with one other than one or both of the student's parents</b>, the Board shall require that appropriate legal documentation showing dependency or guardianship or a sworn statement of <b>full</b> residential support be filed with the <b>Superintendent</b> before an eligible nonresident student may be accepted as a student in district schools. The Board may require a resident to submit additional, reasonable information to substantiate a sworn statement, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Education.</p>
<p>SC 1302 Pol. 906</p>	<p>The Board reserves the right to verify claims of residency, dependency and guardianship and to remove from school attendance a nonresident student whose claim is invalid.</p> <p><b>If information contained in the sworn statement of residential support is found to be false, the student shall be removed from school after notice is given of an opportunity to appeal the student's removal, in accordance with Board Policy 906, Public Complaints.</b></p>
<p>SC 1316, 2561 Pol. 607</p>	<p>The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to or from school for any <b>nonresident</b> student residing outside school district boundaries.</p> <p>Tuition rates shall be determined in accordance with statute. Nonresident students approved for enrollment on a tuition basis shall be charged monthly, in advance of attendance.</p>



<p>SC 1302 Title 22 Sec. 11.19</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p><b><u>Children of Nonresident Staff Members</u></b></p> <p><b>Children of full or part-time professional or temporary professional staff, and children of regular employees who work a minimum of 25 hours per week, on average, during the course of the school year, may attend the schools of this district tuition free (K-12) regardless of their place of residence, subject to the following provisions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The acceptance of nonresident students shall not cause employment of additional staff, or undesirable class size, or the cost to the district of providing the student an education would be greater than 110% of the average cost of educating the average district student residing in the district.</b></li> <li><b>2. The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to or from school.</b></li> <li><b>3. Children of parents working for the district in a substitute capacity are not eligible.</b></li> <li><b>4. In the event of termination of employment for any reason, the right of attendance shall terminate.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>Other Nonresident Students</u></b></p> <p>A nonresident student may be admitted to district schools without payment of tuition where attendance is justified on the grounds that the student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. lives full-time and not just for the school year with district residents who have assumed legal <b>dependency</b> or guardianship <b>or full residential support</b> of the student.</li> <li>2. is visiting this country as an exchange student and lives in the district.</li> <li>3. is visiting this country as an exchange student and lives with a member of the Ferndale Area School District staff, <b>and would be entitled to attend district schools under the “Children of Nonresident Staff Members” policy if he/she was the child of the staff member.</b></li> </ol> <p>The Superintendent <b>or designee</b> shall develop procedures for the enrollment of nonresident <b>students</b> which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Admit such <b>students</b> only on proper application <b>and submission of required documentation</b> by the parent/guardian.</li> </ol>
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<p>Pol. 103</p>	<p>2. Verify claims of residency.</p> <p>3. Do not exclude any eligible <b>student</b> on the basis of race, creed, color, <b>gender</b>, <b>sexual orientation</b>, national origin, ancestry, or handicap/disability.</p> <p>4. Deny admission where the educational facilities or program maintained for district <b>students</b> is inadequate to meet the needs of the applicant.</p> <p>5. Make continued enrollment of any nonresident student contingent upon maintaining <b>established</b> standards of <b>attendance</b>, discipline <b>and academics</b>.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 501, 502, 1301, 1302, 1305, 1306, 1306.2, 1309, 1310, 1316, 2503, 2561</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.18, 11.19, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 200, 607, 906</p>
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