TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELIGIBILITY OF

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

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202. ELIGIBILITY OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

1. Purpose SC 501, 502

The Board shall operate district schools for the benefit of students residing in this district who are eligible for attendance.

2. Authority SC 1301, 1316

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

SC 1302 Title 22 Sec. 11.19 The Board shall require that appropriate legal documentation showing dependency or guardianship or a sworn statement of full residential support be filed with the Board Secretary 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.

The Board reserves the right to verify claims of residency, dependency and guardianship and to remove from school attendance a nonresident student whose claim in invalid.

SC 1302 Pol. 906 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.

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

3. Guidelines

Accepting Tuition Students

SC 1316

The Board designates the administration to render a decision upon requests to accept a student with a disability from a neighboring school district, the student's tuition to be paid by the sending district. In such cases, the district shall set forth the terms of the enrollment in written form. The tuition for such a special education student shall reflect the actual costs incurred to educate the student or a higher tuition as mutually agreed upon by the two (2) districts and shall be billed at the conclusion of the school year.

Decisions shall not discriminate against students with disabilities.

When considering all tuition requests, the administration shall consider the impact upon class size, academic offerings, transportation needs, extracurricular activities, school safety, and the general overall operation of the school and district.

SC 1316, 2561 Pol. 607 Tuition rates for other nonresident students shall be determined in accordance with statute.

Nonresident Children Placed In The District

SC 1305

Any child placed in the home of a district resident by a court or government agency shall be admitted to district schools and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same responsibilities as resident children.

Residents Of Institutions

SC 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310 Title 22 Sec. 11.18 A child who is living in or assigned to a facility or institution for the care or training of children that is located within this district is not a legal resident of the district by such placement; but the student shall be admitted to district schools, or educated in the residential facilities, and a charge shall be made for tuition in accordance with statute.

Foster and institutional nonresident students shall be accepted when the agency provides evidence of birth date and required immunizations. The name and address of the natural parent shall be required at registration, unless the agency states in writing that the parents' whereabouts are unknown, or unless the agency provides a court order forbidding the disclosure of the natural parents' address. In both exceptions, the agency must indicate that the address, or last known address of the parents was not within the district. Such students shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same responsibilities as resident children.

Future Residents

SC 1316

A student eligible for attendance whose parent/guardian has executed a contract to buy, build or rent a residence in this district without payment of tuition may be enrolled at the beginning of the school year, provided that the anticipated date of residency is not later than December 1 of the same school year.

If the student does not become a resident of the district by the end of the period for which free attendance is given, tuition shall be required until residency is established.

Parents/Guardians of students who claim admission on the basis of future residency shall be required to demonstrate proof of the anticipated residency.

Former Residents

SC 1316

Regularly enrolled students whose parents/guardians have moved out of the school district may be permitted, without payment of tuition, to complete the senior year and graduate. Such a student may complete the senior year so long as the following criteria and conditions are met:

- 1. The student shall have attended district schools continuously for at least the three (3) preceding years.
- 2. The student shall be and shall remain in good academic standing to graduate.
- 3. The student's disciplinary record shall be and shall remain free of serious infractions.

Students in grades Kindergarten thru eleventh may be permitted to complete the school year without payment of tuition if they move out of the district during the second half of the school year, are in good academic standing, and have a disciplinary record free of serious infractions.

Students in other grades may be permitted to complete the school year without payment of tuition if they move from the district close to the end of the school year.

Releasing Students

The district shall not be responsible for tuition or transportation costs for its resident students to attend school outside of district schools, with the following exceptions:

- 1. Transportation to nonpublic schools located within ten (10) miles from the district's boundary.
- 2. Tuition for students placed by the courts or child welfare agencies.
- 3. Transportation and tuition for students placed by the district in alternative schools.

- 4. Transportation and tuition for students with disabilities whose Individual Education Programs (IEP) are implemented in intermediate unit classes, approved private schools, hospitals, or the special education classes of other districts.
- 5. Homebound tuition in hospital settings.
- 6. Transportation to day programs in hospital settings shall be at the discretion of the district and shall not require the establishment of new bus routes.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 501, 502, 1301, 1302, 1305, 1306, 1306.2, 1309, 1310, 1316, 2503, 2561

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.18, 11.19, 11.41

Board Policy – 103, 607, 906