

## *Document Status: Draft Update*

### **STUDENTS**

#### **7:60 Residence**

##### Resident Students

Only students who are residents of the District may attend a District school without a tuition charge, except as otherwise provided below or in State law. A student's residence is the same as the person who has legal custody of the student.

A person asserting legal custody over a student, who is not the child's natural or adoptive parent, shall complete a signed statement, stating: (a) that he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the child, (b) the reason the child lives with him or her, other than to receive an education in the District, and (c) that he or she exercises full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency. If the District knows the current address of the child's natural or adoptive parent, the District shall request in writing that the person complete a signed statement or affidavit stating: (a) the role and responsibility of the person with whom their child is living, and (b) that the person with whom the child is living has full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency.

A student whose family moves out of the District during the school year will be permitted to attend school for the remainder of the year without payment of tuition.

When a student's change of residence is due to the military service obligation of the student's legal custodian, the student's residence is deemed to be unchanged for the duration of the custodian's military service obligation if the student's custodian made a written request. The District, however, is not responsible for the student's transportation to or from school.

If, at the time of enrollment, a dependent child of military personnel is housed in temporary housing located outside of the District, but will be living within the District within six months after the time of initial enrollment, the child is allowed to enroll, subject to the requirements of State law, and must not be charged tuition.

##### Residence of Students with Disabilities

The residence of a child with a disability is determined in accordance with [105 ILCS 5/14-1.11](#), [5.14-1.11a](#), and [5/14-1.11b](#).

##### Requests for Nonresident Student Admission

Nonresident students may attend District schools upon the approval of a request submitted by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) for nonresident admission. The Superintendent may approve the request subject to the following:

1. The student will attend on a year-to-year basis. Approval for any one year is not authorization to attend a following year.
2. The student will be accepted only if there is sufficient room.

3. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be charged the maximum amount of tuition as allowed by State law.
4. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for transporting the student to and from school.

#### Admission of Nonresident Students Pursuant to an Agreement or Order

Nonresident students may attend District schools pursuant to:

1. A written agreement with an adjacent school district to provide for tuition-free attendance by a student of that district, provided both the Superintendent or designee and the adjacent district determine that the student's health and safety will be served by such attendance.
2. A written agreement with cultural exchange organizations and institutions supported by charity to provide for tuition-free attendance by foreign exchange students and nonresident pupils of charitable institutions.
3. According to an intergovernmental agreement, including, but not limited to, an agreement for interdistrict transfer of students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence under 105 ILCS 5/26A. [PRESSPlus1](#)
4. Whenever any State or federal law or a court order mandates the acceptance of a nonresident student.

#### Homeless Children

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required to establish residency. Board of Education policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, and its implementing administrative procedure, govern the enrollment of homeless children.

#### Challenging a Student's Residence Status

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a student attending school on a tuition-free basis is a nonresident of the District for whom tuition is required to be charged, he or she on behalf of the Board of Education shall notify the person who enrolled the student of the tuition amount that is due. The notice shall detail the specific reasons why the Board believes that the student is a nonresident of the District and shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. The person who enrolled the student may challenge this determination and request a hearing as provided by the School Code, [105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b](#).

#### Enrollment of Children of District Employee

Pursuant to [Section 10-20.12\(a\)](#) of the Illinois School Code, the non-resident child or children of a current District employee may enroll and attend District schools on a tuition-free basis as noted below. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "child" means a District employee's child who is a biological child, adopted child, foster child, stepchild, or a child for which the employee serves as a legal guardian. To be eligible for this benefit, at the time of enrollment and attendance, the employee must own property within District boundaries and pay property taxes on the property.

The final decision on such enrollment is within the discretion of the Superintendent and subject to all of the following requirements:

1. The child will be allowed to attend on a year-to-year basis. Approval for any one year is not an authorization to attend the following year.

2. The child will be accepted only if there is sufficient room as determined at the sole discretion of the Superintendent.
3. The Superintendent or designee will determine which school the child may attend.
4. The child's ability to attend will end the same day the employee's employment ends unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent.
5. The child is subject to all of the District's policies, rules, procedures, directives and calendar.
6. The child's attendance will not materially interfere with the employee's performance of their job duties and related obligations (e.g., coaching, club sponsor, after-school meetings, etc.).

LEGAL REF.:

[42 U.S.C. §11431](#) et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a](#), [5/10-20.12b](#), [5/10-22.5](#), [5/10-22.5a](#), [5/14-1.11](#), [5/14-1.11a](#), [5/14-1.11b](#), and [5/26A](#).

[105 ILCS 45/](#), Education for Homeless Children Act.

[105 ILCS 70/](#), Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240](#).

*Israel S. by Owens v. Bd. of Educ. of Oak Park and River Forest High Sch. Dist. 200*, 235 Ill.App.3d 652 (5th Dist. 1992).

*Joel R. v. Board of Education of Manheim School District 83*, 292 Ill.App.3d 607 (1st Dist. 1997).

*Kraut v. Rachford*, 51 Ill.App.3d 206 (1st Dist. 1977).

CROSS REF.: 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), [7:255 \(Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence\)](#)

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## PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Nonresident students may include students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence under 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *Ensuring Success in School Law*, eff. 7-1-25. Interdistrict transfer is not required by Article 26A, but including language about it in this policy is recommended in the 2024 Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Task Force Report to the Governor and the General Assembly, available here:

[www.isbe.net/Documents\\_ESSTaskForce/Final-Report-ESS-Report-June-2024.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/Documents_ESSTaskForce/Final-Report-ESS-Report-June-2024.pdf). For further information about the 2024 ESS Task Force, see footnote 1 in sample policy 7:255, *Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 118, April 2025**