

ADMISSION

Eligibility

The board of education shall admit to its schools free of charge the following persons over five and under 20 years of age:

- A. Any student domiciled within the district with parent/guardian;
- B. Any student kept in the home of a person other than the student's parent/guardian, where the person is domiciled in the school district and is supporting the student without remuneration as if the student were his/her own child;
- C. Any student kept in the home of a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent/guardian, where the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the reserve component of the United States armed forces and has been ordered into active military service in the United States armed forces in time of war or national emergency;
- D. Any student whose parent/guardian temporarily resides within the district, notwithstanding the existence of a domicile elsewhere;
- E. Any student whose parent/guardian moves to another district as the result of being homeless, subject to the provisions of administrative code;
- F. Any student placed in the home of a district resident by court order pursuant to statute;
- G. Any student previously residing in the district if the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the United States reserves and has been ordered to active service in time of war or national emergency pursuant to statute; and
- H. Any student residing on federal property within the state pursuant to statute.

Proof of Eligibility

The board shall accept any of the forms of documentation that are listed in the administrative code when they are presented by persons attempting to demonstrate a student's eligibility for enrollment in the district. The board shall consider the totality of information and documentation offered by an applicant and may accept other forms of documentation or information presented by a person seeking to enroll a student. The board shall not require or request any information or document protected from disclosure by law or pertaining to criteria that are not legitimate bases for determining eligibility to attend school.

Kindergarten

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to the kindergarten provided:

- A. The child will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of that school year;

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- B. Proof shall be furnished of immunization against the communicable diseases at the time of enrollment or such immunization shall be completed within 30 days from date of entry into the school, or the pupil is exempted from immunization in accordance with policy 5141.3;
- C. The child shall have been examined by either the school or a private physician, and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.
- D. The district reserves the right to screen underage applicants to provide appropriate placement.

Grade One

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to grade one provided:

- A. The child will have attained the age of six years on or before October 1 of that school year;
- B. He/she has been in the first grade in another public school;
- C. Proof has been furnished of immunization against communicable diseases, or the pupil is exempted from immunization in accordance with policy 5141.3;
- D. The district reserves the right to screen underage applicants to provide appropriate placement.

Exceptions

Exceptions can be made when:

- A. The underage student is already enrolled in and is attending an approved kindergarten or first grade program before moving to the district.
- B. The child has already completed an approved kindergarten program.
- C. The screening process suggest a need for special placement.

Transfers Into Grades Two through 8

Pupils transferring into the district are expected to present copies of records from the previously attended school (or district) to aid in placement. Also required are proof of immunization and proof of identity such as birth certificate, social security card, etc.

Within the time prescribed by law, the chief school administrator shall request in writing from the school or district of previous attendance, the pupil's records.

Initial placement shall be made on the basis of the records, but adjustment may be made at the discretion of the administration when the state-mandated assessment indicates that such adjustments would be beneficial to the child. Parents/guardians shall be informed of this policy on registration.

Placement

A student, in any grade,, new to the district, shall be assessed by staff during the first marking period to ensure appropriate placement. A student's placement may be changed as a result of this assessment.

ADMISSION (continued)**Joint Custody**

When divorced parents/guardians have joint custody of (a) minor child(ren), admission shall be based on the present address of the parent/guardian with whom the child(ren) resided as of the date required by administrative code.

Affidavit Pupils

When there is any doubt as to whether a child is entitled to free public education in the district schools, all procedures of law and code shall be followed.

Nonresidents

The district is obliged to educate children of appropriate age residing in the district. The mere owning of any property whatsoever does not qualify a parent/guardian to send children to school in this school district. See policy 5118 Nonresidents.

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.

The board shall make this policy available to parents and the public.

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7B-12 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7B-12.1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-19a <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-25.1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-2 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-3 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-4 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-5 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-5.1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-6 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-7.7 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-8 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-25 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-20 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:44-1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:44-2 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:1A-9.1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:4-6 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:3-9.2 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:5-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:12-3.2	District of residence; determination Homeless child; responsibility for education; determination of placement; payment of costs Newly enrolled students; records and identification Proof of child's identity required for enrollment; transfer of record between districts Attendance at school free of charge Free attendance at school by nonresidents placed in district under court order Attendance at school by nonresidents Free attendance to persons over age Admission of pupils under age No child to be excluded from school because of race, etc. Time of admission of pupils; first school year Legislative findings and declarations Duty to receive pupils from other districts Attendance required of children between six and 16; exceptions Immunization at public expense Establishment of nursery schools or departments; eligibility for admission Establishment of kindergarten; eligibility for admission Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunization Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils School enrollment Provisions for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Choice district procedures
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Legal References:	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.</u>	Special Education
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.5</u>	Student health records
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2</u>	Required student medical examinations
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.2, -5.3</u>	Method of determining the district of residence ...
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:24-3.1</u> <i>through -3.4</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:28-2.1 et seq.</u>	Entitlement to Attend School Based on Domicile or
	<u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.A.C. 6A:28-2.3,</u> <u>-2.4, -2.5</u>	<i>Residency in District</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 8:57</u>	Communicable diseases
	<u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.A.C. 8:57-2</u>	
	<u>N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1</u>	Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV)

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

Cross References:	3240	Tuition income
	*5118	Nonresidents
	5119	Transfers
	*5120	Assessment of individual needs
	*5141	Health
	*5141.2	Illness
	*5141.3	Health examinations and immunizations
	6142.5	Travel and exchange programs
	*6164.4	Child study team
	*6171.4	Special education
	6174	Summer school
	6178	Early childhood education/preschool

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

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