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### School Admission

The District provides free education to District residents between the ages of five through 21 who do not possess a diploma. Students who do not legally qualify as residents may be required to pay tuition as established by law and Board policy.

A student is considered a resident of the District if he/she resides with a parent, a grandparent with either power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit or a person or government agency with legal custody whose place of residence is within the boundaries of the District. Parents, and grandparents with either power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit, may be required to present legal proofs of residence.

New entrants at all grade levels are required to present at the time of enrollment a birth certificate or other document as evidence of birth, a certified copy of any child custody order or decree, proof of having received or being in the process of receiving required immunizations and copies of those records pertaining to him/her, which are maintained by the school most recently attended. A protected child, as defined by State law, may not be denied admission to the school solely because the child does not present a birth certificate or comparable document upon registration. A protected child or parent, guardian or custodian of the child must present this documentation within 90 days after the child's initial entry into the school. The District immediately enrolls homeless students and foster students and assists in obtaining the necessary enrollment documents.

In addition, students released from the Department of Youth Services (DYS), just prior to requesting admission to the District, may not be admitted until the Superintendent has received all required documents provided by DYS. Forwarded documents are:

1. an updated copy of the student's transcript;
2. a report of the student's behavior in school while in DYS custody;
3. the student's current Individualized Education Program, if developed, and
4. a summary of the institutional record of the student's behavior.

DYS has 14 days to send the documents to the Superintendent.

### Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

The District complies with all provisions of State law for the enrollment, admission, placement and graduation for children of military families.

#### LEGAL REFS.:

ORC 2151.33  
 ORC 2152.18(D)(4)  
 ORC 3109.52 through 3109.61  
 ORC 3109.65 through 3109.76  
 ORC 3109.78  
 ORC 3109.79  
 ORC 3109.80  
 ORC 3313.48  
 ORC 3313.64  
 ORC 3313.67  
 ORC 3313.671  
 ORC 3313.672  
 ORC 3317.08  
 ORC 3321.01  
 OAC 3301-35-04(F)

#### CROSS REFS.:

AFI, Evaluation of Educational Resources  
 IGBA, Programs for Students with Disabilities  
 JECAA, Admission of Homeless Students  
 JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students  
 JEE, Student Attendance Accounting (Missing and Absent Children)  
 JHCA, Physical Examinations of Students  
 JHCB, Immunizations  
 JO, Student Records

**NOTE:** Use this category for statements covering all school admissions. Statements on exceptions to general residency requirements, tuition charges for nonresident students, admission of students from neighboring districts on a transfer basis, etc., should be filed under the appropriate subcategory of code JEC.

For purposes of determining a student's "residence," the term "parent" is defined by law as "... either parent, unless the parents are separated or divorced, in which case 'parent' means the parent with legal custody of the child. If neither parent has legal custody of the child, 'parent' means the person or agency with legal custody or permanent custody..." See policy JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students, for related statements.

House Bill (HB) 367 (2014) defines a "protected child" as a child placed in a foster home as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section (RC) 5103.02 or in a residential facility defined as a group home for children, a children's crisis care facility, children's residential center, residential parenting facility that provides 24-hour childcare, county

children's home or district children's home. The definition and accompanying prohibition on denying a protected child admission based solely on inability to present a birth certificate upon enrollment is found in RC 3313.672.

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) is an agreement among all 50 states and the District of Columbia to ensure educational consistency for children in military families when they relocate. It was ratified and enacted into law by the Ohio General Assembly in July 2009 (RC 3301.60-3301.65). HB 244 (2021) enacted additional language to implement certain provisions of the Compact. Under the Compact, "children of military families means school-aged children, enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, in the household of an active duty member. "Active duty" means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the national guard and reserve on duty orders.

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