

## ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

For the purpose of determining the right to free school attendance, “school age” means, for all nonhandicapped children, from five to 21 years of age and, for all handicapped children, from three to 21 years of age.

The residence of a child for school purposes is the same as the residence of his/her parent. “Parent” means either of the natural or adoptive parents, unless the parents are separated or divorced, or their marriage has been dissolved or annulled, in which case “parent” means the custodial parent. When a child is in the legal custody of a government agency, “parent” means the natural or adoptive parent who has the residual parental rights, or who has been divested of the residual parental rights.

Any parent awarded custody in an action for divorce, annulment, or dissolution is required to notify the child’s school of the custody arrangements by providing the school with a certified copy of the custody order or decree at the time of enrollment or whenever such order of decree is made. The custodial parent must likewise notify the school of any modifications that are subsequently made to the custody order or decree.

If a child who resides in the District is living in a “home,” is in the custody of a governmental agency or someone other than his/her natural or adoptive parents, or is in need of special education, such child must be admitted to the schools.

Students will be admitted free of any tuition obligation in the following circumstances:

1. The student is between the ages of 18 and 21, lives in the District apart from his/her parents, supports himself/herself by his/her own labor, and has not been granted a high school diploma or certificate of attendance.
2. The student is under 18, married, and resides in the District.
3. The student has been placed with a resident of the District for adoption, and his/her parents reside outside Ohio.
4. The student has a medical condition, which may require emergency medical treatment, and one of his/her parents is employed at a location within the school district. The condition must be certified by a physician’s statement, which must be supported by such other evidence as the Board may require.
5. The student is residing in the District with a person other than his/her parent while his/her parent is serving in the armed forces outside Ohio. This exception is limited to a 12-month period, and requires the filing of an affidavit from the parent setting forth the name and address of the person with whom the child is living and confirming that the parent is serving in the armed forces outside Ohio and intends to reside in the District upon return.

6. The student's parent is having a house built in the District. This exception is limited to a period of time not to exceed 90 days. The parent must provide the Superintendent with a sworn statement indicating the location of the house and the parents' intent to reside there, together with a statement from the builder confirming that a new house is being built for the parent at the indicated location. A student is eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics if he/she has been formally released by the board of education of the school district in which he/she resides, and he/she has obtained any authorizations required by the athletic association or other agency exercising authority over such interscholastic sports.
7. The student's parent is purchasing a house in the District. This exception is limited to a period of time not to exceed 90 days. The parent must provide the Superintendent with a sworn statement indicating the location of the house and the parents' intent to reside there, together with a statement from a real estate broker or bank officer confirming that a purchase contract has been entered into and that the parent is awaiting the closing of a mortgage loan. A student may participate in interscholastic athletics by following the same procedure as outlined and described in item 6 above.
8. The student is living in the District with a parent and is under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence. For such students, enrollment cannot be denied due to a delay in the forwarding of records from the previous school, and all days of attendance and credits earned must be recognized by any school subsequently attended.
9. The student is living in the District with a grandparent, is in the legal custody of a parent, and is not handicapped, provided the parents' school district of residence and the grandparents' school district of residence have entered into a written agreement specifying that good cause exists for such attendance and consenting to such attendance.
10. The student is living with a grandparent, who has a power of attorney or executed a caregiver authorization affidavit that grants a grandparent of the child with whom the child is residing any of the parent's, guardian's or custodian's right and responsibilities regarding the care, physical custody, and control of the child, including the ability to enroll the child in school. The grandparent must provide a copy of the applicable document when enrolling the student.

The Milford Exempted Village School District will conduct an investigation whenever residency is in question. At that time the building administrator or designee may request documentation for the purpose of providing proof of residency. Acceptable documentation includes but is not limited to: lease contract, rental agreement or utility bill. One or more forms of documentation may be requested to provide sufficient proof of residency. The building administrator or designee will also request that the parent/guardian complete an affidavit of residency.

The Board may admit students tuition-free in the following circumstances. Not required:

1. A resident of the District has submitted a sworn statement that he/she has initiated legal proceedings to obtain custody of the child. This exception is limited to a period of 60 days.
2. The student has been admitted as a foreign exchange student or is a non-Ohio U.S. resident admitted under an exchange program operated by a student exchange organization.
3. The student's parent has died, and the student now resides in another district. Such student, with the approval of the Board, may continue to attend in the District tuition-free for the remainder of the school year.
4. A resident of the District who has graduated from an approved special education program wishes to enroll in the District's vocational program.
5. A non-certificated employee of the District wishes to enroll in vocational courses, which in the Superintendent's judgment, would assist him/her in his/her current position.
6. Admission is sought by a resident of the District who, although not otherwise eligible, meets certain criteria for free admission established by the State Board of Education.
7. The student is the child of an employee. Tuition for the children of employees may be waived through the collective bargaining process.
8. The student has been living in the District under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence, but is no longer entitled to free attendance under that exception.
9. The student's parent has moved out of the District after the start of classes in the student's senior year of high school. If approved by the Board, such students may continue in attendance tuition-free for the remainder of the school year and for one additional semester or equivalent term.
10. The Board reserves the right to temporarily deny admittance to students who have been expelled for any reason from other school districts until the expulsion period expires. The student and parent(s) have an opportunity for a hearing before the Superintendent/designee to determine the admittance or non-admittance of the student.

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