

Policy — 3141

Students

Nonresident Students

Any student who resides outside the district may apply to attend a school in the district. All applications for nonresident attendance will be considered on a priority basis.

Priorities for admission to a school:

- Children of district employees
- In-district transfers with attendance in the school the prior year
- In-district transfers with attendance of a sibling the prior year
- In-district transfer
- Out of district transfer with attendance the prior year
- Out of district transfer with attendance of a sibling the prior year
- Out of district transfer

A parent or guardian shall apply for admission on behalf of his or her child by completing the Open Enrollment Application. Permission for a non-resident student to attend is valid only for the school year for which it is issued. No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by a student transferring from outside the attendance area. The application must be submitted by February 1, of the proceeding school year, for enrollment during the following school year.

The superintendent may reject an application for nonresident admission based upon the following standards:

1. No nonresident admission shall be permitted if the space availability exceeds the following:
 - a. K-6, 23:1; 7-12, 160:1.
 - b. Heartland Alternative High School, average ratio 12:1.
2. Whether appropriate educational programs or services are available. The District is not required to institute any special education programs to serve nonresident open enrollment students. However, the District will make a meaningful determination of the individual needs of each student for special education and related aids and services and will consider all alternative services it has available before determining that the District does not have the capability of providing the student a free, appropriate public education as required by state and federal laws.
3. Whether the student's attendance in the district is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff. Students expelled from another district will not be allowed to transfer into McCall-Donnelly School District.

The superintendent shall provide all applicants with written notification of the approval or denial of the application in a timely manner. If the student is to be admitted, the principal shall notify the resident district and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records.

The District shall provide transportation to nonresident open enrollment students only from an existing bus stop within the District. Transportation from outside the District to a bus stop within the District is the responsibility of the parents.

Nonresident student admission can be revoked at any time, if any of the following occur:

1. Pupil-teacher ratios or contact hours exceed the maximum allowed by policy guidelines.
2. The student fails to maintain satisfactory attendance, scholarship, and/or citizenship.
3. Parent/legal guardian fails to provide necessary transportation.
4. Information on the student enrollment form is found to be erroneous and/or fallacious.

When pupil-teacher ratios or contact hours exceed allowed maximums, nonresident admission will be revoked in an order based on the priorities for admission.

Legal Reference

Idaho Code Sections: I.C. § 33-205
I.C. § 33-1002
I.C. § 33-1402
I.C. § 33-1404

Policy History

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