

CHELTENHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELIGIBILITY OF
NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>SC 501 SC 1301 SC 1302</p> <p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">202. ELIGIBILITY OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS</p> <p>The Board shall operate District schools for the benefit of resident children of the District and nonresident children eligible for attendance in accordance with this Board Policy.</p> <p>The Board directs the Superintendent to develop administrative regulations implementing this Policy consistent with the below guidelines.</p> <p>The following categories of nonresident students are accepted by Cheltenham School District:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When a resident of the District keeps in his/her home a child of school age, not his/her own, and supports the child gratis as if the child were his/her own, such child may be entitled to all free school privileges accorded to resident school children of the District; except, however, before accepting such child as a student, the District requires such resident to submit a sworn statement that s/he is supporting the child gratis, that s/he will assume all personal obligations for the child relative to school requirements, and that s/he intends to so keep and support the child continuously and not merely through the school term--on a form provided by the District. Such students, once accepted, are regarded as resident students. 2. Students living with a resident by court order or by arrangement with an official association, agency, or institution in accordance with and subject to the conditions contained in Section 1305 of the Public School Code. 3. Homeless students, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 259. 4. Former and future residents of the District, pursuant to the criteria detailed below.
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Future Residents

Upon completion of an affidavit, nonresident students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) plan to live in Cheltenham Township within thirty (30) calendar days, who would otherwise be entitled to free school privileges in the District, and who have either:

1. Purchased a home within Cheltenham Township;
2. Signed a contract for construction of a home within Cheltenham Township; or
3. Entered into a lease agreement within Cheltenham Township

may enroll in District schools without payment of tuition.

If unforeseen circumstances prevent the actual moving into the township within the thirty (30) calendar day period, tuition will be charged for each school day from the thirty-first (31st) day to the date the family is actually living in the Township. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may be required to pay tuition, in advance, in accordance with the most current rate established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Cheltenham School District, for the number of school days that the student is expected to attend District schools as a non-resident beyond the initial thirty (30) calendar day period. Students who do not establish residency within the District within the initial thirty (30) calendar day period or pay advanced tuition for the number of school days that the student is expected to attend District schools as a non-resident beyond the initial thirty (30) calendar day period may be subject to removal from school as non-resident students.

Former Residents

3. A Cheltenham High School (CHS) student who has attended CHS for their entire sophomore and junior years and attained eligibility for senior status, but whose family moves from the Cheltenham School District after the last student day of the student's junior year shall be allowed to enroll as a senior, provided the enrollment is continuous and uninterrupted. This entitlement shall apply only to the school year following the student's junior year at CHS and shall not extend beyond the last regular student day of school for the Spring Term of the school year following the junior year, unless otherwise required by the student's Individualized Education Program. Transportation for students under this subsection shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian. CHS reserves the right (subject to required expulsion procedures) to remove a student covered by this subsection if, in the judgment of the administration, that student's conduct or scholastic record (or parents' conduct in relation to the student) is such that a disproportionate amount of staff time is required.

A student in academic and disciplinary good standing who has lawfully completed

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	<p>grade 11 in the District, has been promoted to grade 12 as a senior, and will be moving out of the District prior to the completion of his/her senior year, may complete grade 12 at Cheltenham High School and graduate from the District on a tuition free basis.</p> <p>The District will provide transportation to non-resident students only to the extent required by law.</p> <p>Nonresident students, because of unusual or unique circumstances not covered above, may be admitted or retained on an advanced tuition basis when recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.</p> <p>Any nonresident student found to be attending District schools without qualifying under this Policy and without appropriate advanced permission shall be subject to immediate disenrollment after being offered an opportunity for a hearing before the Board or a duly appointed hearing officer and the completion of any such hearing proceedings.</p> <p>The Board authorizes the administration to investigate credible information, complaints, or circumstances that raise doubt as to a student's residency or continued residency within the District's boundaries. Such investigation, and efforts to collect tuition from students found to be attending District schools illegally as non-residents, is permitted to the fullest extent permitted by law.</p>
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