

1 Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy

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4 The parents or guardians of the student must complete and submit to the Superintendent an out-  
5 of-district attendance agreement form preceding the requested admission. The Superintendent  
6 may accept a late application if good cause is shown.

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8 1. Except as required by § 20-5-321, MCA, the District will admit nonresident students at  
9 its discretion.  
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11 2. The Superintendent will recommend to the Board any nonresident student admission in  
12 accordance with this policy, with the Board making the final decision on admission.  
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16 3. The District will examine a student’s records from this District and other school districts  
17 before any Board approval for admission. Review of the records and decisions regarding  
18 admission cannot be inconsistent with District policies regarding nondiscrimination.  
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23 4. The District will not admit nonresident students when doing so would cause the district to  
24 exceed the class size standards under 10.55.712 and 10.55.713, ARM.  
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26 5. All resident students who become nonresidents because their parents or guardians move  
27 out of the District may continue attendance for the school year, barring registration in  
28 another District. At the completion of the semester, a student must apply as a nonresident  
29 student.  
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31 6. The Board reserves the right to charge tuition for nonresident students. At its discretion,  
32 the Board may charge or waive tuition for all students whose tuition is required to be paid  
33 by one kind of entity, defined as either a parent or guardian or a school district. Any  
34 waiver of tuition will be applied equally to all students whose tuition is paid by the same  
35 kind of entity (i.e., if the District charges tuition in those circumstances where a resident  
36 district pays but waives tuition in those circumstances where a parent or guardian is  
37 responsible for tuition, the tuition waiver will be applicable to all students whose parents  
38 or guardians bear the responsibility for payment).  
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40 7. All nonresident students will be considered ineligible transportees for school  
41 transportation services (§ 20-10-101, MCA).  
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44 8. The Board will not admit any student who is expelled from another school district.  
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1 9. Nonresident students enrolled under this policy are subject to all District policies, rules,  
2 and regulations on the same basis as resident students.  
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5 Cross Reference: Policy 2161 -2161P Special Education  
6 Policy 3110 Entrance, Placement, and Transfer  
7 Policy 3125 Education of Homeless Children  
8 Policy 3210 Equal Education, Nondiscrimination and Sex Equity  
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10 Legal Reference: § 20-5-314, MCA Reciprocal attendance agreement with adjoining  
11 State or province  
12 § 20-5-320, MCA Attendance with discretionary approval  
13 § 20-5-321, MCA Attendance with mandatory approval – tuition and  
14 transportation  
15 § 20-5-322, MCA Residency determination – notification – appeal for  
16 attendance agreement  
17 § 20-5-323, MCA Tuition and transportation rates  
18 10.10.301B, ARM Out-of-District Attendance Agreements  
19 10.55.713, ARM Teacher Load and Class Size – High School  
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21 Policy History:

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25 *Revision Note: 2018 Revision to clarify responsibilities of District and ensures conformity with*  
26 *ARM rules.*