

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

Students who are eligible to attend an Iowa public school but who are not legal residents of the school district may be admitted into the school district at the discretion of the superintendent upon application and payment of tuition. The tuition rate shall be the current per-pupil cost of the school district as computed by the board secretary and as authorized by the Iowa Department of Education for general education students and actual costs for students entitled to special education services.

Resident students whose families move from the school district after the start of a semester and who wish to complete the semester in the school district may be permitted to attend without the payment of tuition at the discretion of the superintendent and approval of the board. Students who plan to open enroll to the nonresident district may complete the school year without approval of the superintendent or board. These students, other than students in grades eleven and twelve, must have the recommendation of the principal.

Students in grades eleven or twelve who are no longer residents of the school district, but were residents in the preceding school year, may continue to attend school until they graduate without the payment of tuition. These students must have an adult, who resides in the school district, identified for purposes of administration.

Nonresident students who are eligible to attend an Iowa public school and who have evidence they will become legal residents of the school district prior to October 1st may be allowed to attend without the payment of tuition.

Legal Ref.: Lakota Cons. Ind. School v. Buffalo Center-Rake Community School District, 334 N.W.2d 704 (Iowa 1983).
Mt. Hope School Dist. V. Hendrickson, 197 N.W. 47 (Iowa 1924).
Oshel v. Creston Community School District, DPI Admin. Doc. 570 (1981).
 33 D.P.I. Dec. Rule 80 (1984)
 Iowa Code §§ 257.6; 282.2, .6, .7; .285.4 (2013)
 1956 Op. Att'y Gen. 185.
 1946 Op. Att'y Gen. 197.
 1938 Op. Att'y Gen. 69.
 1930 Op. Att'y Gen. 147.

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