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4 **STUDENTS**

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6 Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy

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8 The Board, recognizing that its resident students need an orderly educational process and
9 environment, free from disruption, overcrowding, and any kind of violence or disruptive
10 influences, hereby establishes criteria for the discretionary admission of nonresident students.

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- 12 1. Except as required by § 20-5-321, MCA, the District will admit nonresident students at
13 its discretion. As such, the District will screen all nonresident students and consider only
14 those who meet the criteria set forth in this policy.
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 - 16 2. The Superintendent will recommend to the Board any nonresident student admission in
17 accordance with this policy, with the Board making the final decision on admission.
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 - 19 3. Usually, nonresident students who do not qualify for mandatory attendance will not be
20 admitted to District schools. Exceptions are foreign exchange students, under Policy
21 3145, and children in the immediate family of nonresident District employees. The
22 District, at its discretion, also may consider for admission other nonresident students.
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 - 24 4. The District will examine a student's records from previous school districts before any
25 Board approval for admission.
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 - 27 5. The District has the option of accepting a nonresident student who does not meet the
28 criteria set forth by the administration, if the student agrees to special conditions of
29 admission as set forth by the District.
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 - 31 6. Every nonresident student who attends District schools must reapply for admission for
32 the succeeding school year by June 15. Admission in one school year does not infer or
33 guarantee admission in subsequent years.
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35 Applications will not be taken after January 15th for enrollment in the current school year.

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- 38 7. The District will not admit nonresident students when doing so would require hiring
39 additional staff or providing educational services not currently offered or would create
40 crowding of existing classes.
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 - 42 8. All resident students who become nonresidents because their parents or guardians move
43 out of the District may continue attendance for the semester, barring registration in
44 another District. At the completion of the semester, a student must apply as a nonresident
45 student.
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3 9. The Board reserves the right to charge tuition for nonresident students. At its discretion,
4 the Board may charge or waive tuition for all students whose tuition is required to be paid
5 by one kind of entity, defined as either a parent or guardian or a school district. Any
6 waiver of tuition will be applied equally to all students whose tuition is paid by the same
7 kind of entity (i.e., if the District charges tuition in those circumstances where a resident
8 district pays but waives tuition in those circumstances where a parent or guardian is
9 responsible for tuition, the tuition waiver will be applicable to all students whose parents
10 or guardians bear the responsibility for payment).
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12 10. All nonresident students will be considered ineligible transportees for school
13 transportation services (§ 20-10-101, MCA).
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15 11. The Board may declare an emergency which, in its opinion, necessitates the removal of
16 all nonresident students from District schools.
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18 12. Full time tuition for all students will be \$500.00 per year.

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20 One-half (1/2) of the tuition amount owed must be paid at the beginning of each semester
21 or upon enrollment whichever is earlier in a given semester. Failure to pay the required
22 tuition amount will result in the student not being allowed to register or attend the
23 following semester.
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27 Legal Reference:	§ 20-5-314, MCA	Reciprocal attendance agreement with adjoining state or province
	§ 20-5-320, MCA	Attendance with discretionary approval
	§ 20-5-321, MCA	Attendance with mandatory approval – tuition and transportation
	§ 20-5-322, MCA	Residency determination – notification – appeal for attendance agreement
	§ 20-5-323, MCA	Tuition and transportation rates
	10.10.301B, ARM	Out-of-District Attendance Agreements

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