

The superintendent or designee will have the responsibility to approve or deny requests for admission to the school district students who do not meet the domicile or residence requirements in 4120. Admission may be granted for up to one full school year but cannot be granted for the sole purpose of participating in athletic or extracurricular activities. Once approved an application will remain in force as long as the student remains in good standing or until a student articulates to another school provided a release from the student's resident school district is provided annually.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

A non-domiciled student may be admitted and enrolled, at the discretion of the superintendent or designee, if the following conditions are met:

1. The parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian submits a completed application to the principal of the school the transfer child desires to attend.
2. The principal has determined that space is available in the particular school or program in which the student seeks to enroll.
3. The student must demonstrate that he or she was in good standing in the previous school attended by that student, in terms of academics, attendance, and discipline; i.e., the student must satisfy the requirements in policy 4115, Behavior Standards for Transfer Students.
4. If the student is transferring from another school district in North Carolina, the student must submit a release approved by the board of education of the other school district from which the transfer is being made.
5. If the student resides with an adult who is not the student's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian, the student must furnish the school district with a notarized written document showing that the parent, legal guardian or legal custodian consents to the student attending school in the school district and authorizes the adult with whom the student lives to make all decisions relating to the student's education, including, but not limited to, any decisions relating to placement, services, field trips, medical treatment, grading and reporting, discipline, participation in extracurricular activities and participation in athletics. Note: these restrictions would not apply to "an unaccompanied youth" qualifying via McKinney-Vento as homeless.
6. If the student is asserting residency in the school district, sufficient evidence must be provided with the initial application, such as a copy of utility bills.

The Elkin Board of Education recognizes the difficulty of admission of new students after a semester

of instruction has begun. In order to reduce the incidence of inappropriate and dysfunctional programming for these students, a nonresident elementary student (grades K-6) or middle school student (grades 7-8) shall not be allowed admission to Elkin Elementary or Middle School after the first 20 school days of a semester. A nonresident high school student (grades 9-12) shall not be allowed admission to Elkin High School after the first 5 school days of a semester.

RESCINDMENT/RENEWAL OF DISCRETIONARY ADMISSION

Admission for up to one full school year may be granted based upon the information contained in the application. Nonresident students who are admitted based upon false or misleading information on their application will have their application voided and said acceptance will be rescinded. Admission may also be revoked at the end of the grading period if the student is not in good standing in the school district. End of the grading period is defined as end of the academic year for the elementary and the middle school, and end of the semester for high school. Good standing is determined by satisfactory attendance, timely arrival each day, grades, and behavior. Good standing will be reviewed each grading period. To be considered for admission for subsequent school years, the student must be in good standing in terms of academic, attendance, timely arrival each day, and behavior. Nothing herein shall affect the principal's ability to exercise appropriate disciplinary measures if necessary at any time during the school year concerning the transfer student, up and through long term suspension.

Any high school student whose admission is terminated at the end of the semester or whose re-admission is denied shall be notified in writing. Parents must be notified of re-admission decisions by June 1. Denial of admission or re-admission may be appealed to the Board of Education within 15 working days of the date that appears on the written notice.

Legal Reference: G.S. 7A, art. 56; 35A, art. 6; 50-13.1 to 13.3; 115C-231, -364 to -366.2, 115C-366 d8

Cross Reference:

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