

Joliet Schools

Out-District Attendance Policy

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy:

The district recognized that the tuition sections of the statutes contains both mandatory and discretionary provisions and directs administration to follow these definitions and procedures:

Definitions:

The residence of the parents or legal guardians or a marital relationship determines a minor child's district of residence with an adult, unless otherwise determined by the court. An "out-of-district" student is one who lives with a parent, legal guardian or spouse outside the district boundaries or who lives in the district but whose parent, legal guardian or spouse resides elsewhere. A person may have only one residence for school purposes. (1-1-215, MCA).

Out-of-District Student Attendance Policy

Except as otherwise provided by law, admission to the district as a nonresident student is a privilege. The Board, recognizing that an educational requirement of its resident students includes the need for an orderly educational process and environment, free from disruption, overcrowding, and any kind of violence or disruptive influences, hereby establishes criteria on the admission of nonresident students:

- I. Except as provided by law, admission to the District as a nonresident student is a privilege, unless required by 20-3-321 MCA. As such, the District will screen all nonresident students and only consider those who meet the criteria set forth in this policy.
- II. The Superintendent is hereby given the authority to recommend to the Board any student's admission in accordance with this policy. The Board shall make the final decision on admission.
- III. All students whose legal residence in outside of the District and who do not qualify for mandatory attendance will be denied enrollment, with the following exceptions:
 1. Foreign exchange students, per District policy;
 2. Children in the immediate family of nonresident employees;
 3. Students residing outside the District may apply to attend Joliet Public Schools provided they:
 - a. be in good standing with the most recently attended school in terms of academics, conduct, and attendance.
 - b. be able to demonstrate a record free of truancy.

- c. be able to demonstrate a clean behavior record in the school last attended for a period of at least one year;
- d. have no criminal record;
- e. have passing grades in the school previously attended;
- f. have correctly completed the nonresident student application process; and
- g. present no other educationally related or financial detriment to the students of the District.

- IV. The Board will not admit any student prior to viewing that student's records from the student's previous school districts.
- V. The district has the option of accepting a nonresident student who does not meet the criteria set forth herein, if the student agrees to special conditions of admission, as set forth by the District.
- VI. Every student who attends Joliet Public Schools as a nonresident student must re-apply for admission by June 15. Admission in one school year does not imply or guarantee admission in subsequent years.
- VII. The District will not admit nonresident students, when to do so would require the hiring of additional staff, the provision of educational services not currently provided in the school, or the crowding of existing classes.
- VIII. All resident students who become nonresidents due to a move from the District by their parents/guardians may continue attendance for the semester, barring registration in another District. At the completion of the semester, the student must apply as a non-resident student.
- IX. The Board reserves the right to charge tuition for nonresident students. The Board may, in its discretion, charge or waive tuition for all students whose tuition is required to be paid by one type of entity. An "entity" is defined as either: (1) the parent/guardian; or (2) a school district. Any waiver of tuition must be equally applied to all students whose tuition is paid by the same type of entity (i.e., if the District charges students tuition in those circumstances where the parent/guardians bear the responsibility for payment.)
- X. All nonresident students will be considered ineligible transportees for school transportation services. (20-10-101, MCA)
- XI. The Board may declare an emergency which, in their opinion, necessitates the removal of all nonresident students from the schools.
- XII. The Board will not admit any student who is expelled from another school district.

Legal Reference:

20-5-314, MCA	Reciprocal attendance agreement with adjoining state or province.
20-5-316, MCA	Out-of-state tuition
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
10.10.301, ARM	Out-of-district attendance agreements

Out of District Supplemental Application

(This form is mandatory and must be included with the rest of the out-of-district application materials. These forms must be filled out annually and be presented to the Board of Trustees by June 15th to be considered for attendance for the next school year. This form must be signed by the student's parents. If request is made by a legal guardian, legal documents must be presented with the application showing the prescribed authority of the legal guardian.)

Student Name(s): _____

Prior Year District: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Attached to this application:

_____ Copy of student's complete transcript(s)

_____ Signature authorizing release of all record information from school of attendance

Has the above named student(s) ever been charged with theft, drug or alcohol possession, use of or illegal possession of a weapon, assault (physical or sexual), burglary, vandalism, or any other crime?

_____ No _____ Yes (If yes, explain) _____

Does this student require additional services (Spec. Ed., OT, PT, Speech services) beyond the normal classroom instructional environment.

_____ No _____ Yes (If yes, explain) _____

I agree to release the records of the above named student(s) from the school of attendance for review by the Board of Trustees of the Joliet Public Schools. These records will include attendance data, disciplinary data, grades, and all other pertinent data needed to make a determination regarding acceptance/denial of attendance to the Joliet Public Schools. I understand that attendance in this school district is a privilege for my out-of-district student(s), and may be disapproved initially or terminated by the Board at any time for violations of school policy. Further, by signing this form I agree that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate.

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian