

BOARD POLICY (Section 5000)

LEGAL SETTLEMENT FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE/TRANSFERS

For the grade levels of K-8, the School Board establishes the following residency policy for determining eligibility to attend the school of this Corporation:

- A. The Board will educate tuition free, only those students have legal settlement in the Corporation. Proof of legal settlement will be required for registration in the Corporation.
- B. Where the legal settlement of a student can or cannot reasonably be determined and the student is being supported by and living with a person (non-parent) whose residence is within the School Corporation, the student may be enrolled without payment of tuition only when the parents have placed him/her in the home of another person residing in the Seymour Community Schools district and have provided the appropriate signed forms establishing legal guardianship or custodianship as provided by Indiana law.
- C. The Corporation will accept foreign-exchange students that are a part of exchange programs that are approved by the State Board of Education and Seymour Community Schools. The Corporation will also accept foreign students on student visas approved by Seymour Community Schools ((I-20-AB). The total number of foreign students from exchange programs and student visas may not exceed the quota established by the administration.
- D. Students whose parents do not have legal settlement within the Corporation but who present written documented evidence that they will move into the Corporation within 30 calendar days may enroll in the schools of this Corporation as temporary nonresident students for the time not in residence. For students admitted through this Section D, transfer tuition shall not be calculated or charged.
- E. Students who do not have legal settlement, but are part of the Special Education Cooperative, may be enrolled in the special education program of this Corporation pursuant to their educational plans.
- F. Nonresidents may be accepted into the Community Education Classes provided by this Corporation. The Corporation may charge a special fee for nonresidents.
- G. An emancipated minor shall be eligible to attend school without payment of tuition provided they reside in the Corporation.
- H. The Corporation shall provide a free education to those students who are considered by Federal law to be illegal aliens, if the student's parent or legal

guardian has legal settlement within the Corporation, or considered to be homeless by criteria established by the State Board (Policy 5111.01).

- I. Students who have resided in Seymour Community Schools district for at least two consecutive years immediately before moving to an adjacent school corporation shall be allowed to continue in the Seymour district without payment of transfer tuition, as per the stipulations of IC 20-26-11-30.
- J. Students who are cash transfer tuition students (and their siblings) as of 11/11/08 shall be grandfathered and not subject to the provisions of this policy. Should their residency/attendance status change at a later date, said students would then be subject to the aforementioned policy although siblings may remain in Seymour Community Schools. For students covered via this Section J, transfer tuition shall not be calculated or charged.
- K. Children of Divorced Parents - Children of divorced parents may attend school in this Corporation without the payment of tuition if one (1) parent has legal settlement in this Corporation and a timely election is made. Not later than fourteen (14) days before the first student day of the school year for which the parent seeks enrollment, the parent with physical custody must notify the Superintendent of the school corporation in which the parents seeks to have the student enrolled of the election. The election may be made only once a year.

For the grade levels of 9-12, the School Board establishes the following residency policy for determining eligibility to attend the school of this Corporation:

- L. Except for those students admitted under Section X of this policy, the Board will educate tuition free, only those students who have legal settlement in the Corporation. Proof of legal settlement will be required for registration in the Corporation.
- M. Where the legal settlement of a student can or cannot reasonably be determined and the student is being supported by and living with a person (non-parent) whose residence is within the School Corporation, the student may be enrolled without payment of tuition only when the parents have placed him/her in the home of another person residing in the Seymour Community Schools district and have provided the appropriate signed forms establishing legal guardianship or custodianship as provided by Indiana law.

- N. The Corporation will accept foreign-exchange students that are a part of exchange programs that are approved by the State Board of Education and Seymour Community Schools. The Corporation will also accept foreign students on student visas approved by Seymour Community Schools ((I-20-AB). The total number of foreign students from exchange programs and student visas may not exceed the quota established by the administration.
- O. Students whose parents do not have legal settlement within the Corporation but who present written documented evidence that they will move into the Corporation within 30 calendar days may enroll in the schools of this Corporation as temporary nonresident students for the time not in residence. For students admitted through this Section O, transfer tuition shall not be calculated or charged.
- P. Students who have completed the eleventh grade as Seymour residents and have changed their legal settlement to another school corporation may complete the twelfth grade in this Corporation without paying transfer tuition.
- Q. Students who do not have legal settlement, but are part of the Special Education Cooperative, may be enrolled in the special education program of this Corporation pursuant to their educational plans.
- R. Nonresidents may be accepted into the Community Education Classes provided by this Corporation. The Corporation may charge a special fee for nonresidents.
- S. An emancipated minor or married student living with a spouse shall be eligible to attend school without payment of tuition provided they reside in the Corporation.
- T. The Corporation shall provide a free education to those students who are considered by Federal law to be illegal aliens, if the student's parent or legal guardian has legal settlement within the Corporation, or considered to be homeless by criteria established by the State Board (Policy 5111.01).
- U. Students who have resided in Seymour Community Schools district for at least two consecutive years immediately before moving to an adjacent school corporation shall be allowed to continue in the Seymour district without payment of transfer tuition, as per the stipulations of IC 20-26-11-30.
- V. Students who are cash transfer tuition students (and their siblings) as of 11/11/08 shall be grandfathered and not subject to the provisions of this policy. Should their residency/attendance status change at a later date, said students would then be subject to the aforementioned policy although siblings may remain in Seymour Community Schools. For students admitted through this Section V, transfer tuition shall not be calculated or charged.

- W. Children of Divorced Parents - Children of divorced parents may attend school in this Corporation without the payment of tuition if one (1) parent has legal settlement in this Corporation and a timely election is made. Not later than fourteen (14) days before the first student day of the school year for which the parent seeks enrollment, the parent with physical custody must notify the Superintendent of the school corporation in which the parents seeks to have the student enrolled of the election. The election may be made only once a year .
- X. The Corporation may choose to allow non-resident students to attend Seymour High School subject to the following provisions:
1. Application for Enrollment without Legal Settlement must be made to the high school principal no later than September 1 of the year requesting enrollment. Principal recommendations will be submitted to the Superintendent for final approval.
 2. Annual application is required.
 3. Crowded conditions at Seymour High School may result in the application being denied.
 4. The student's educational, vocational and curricular needs must be better accommodated with the transfer.
 5. All book rental costs and fees must be paid in advance, if applicable.
 6. The student must provide written evidence documenting academic success, as specified by the high school principal, for the two prior school years.
 7. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to provide transportation to and from school on the days that school is in session.
 8. Under no circumstances is an application for enrollment without legal settlement to be accepted for athletic reasons.
 9. Failure to abide by the academic or conduct standards and requirements of Seymour High School or to pay all applicable fees may result in the loss of the privilege to remain enrolled in Seymour High School, during the school year in which an enrollment without legal settlement agreement is in effect.
 10. Any student admitted for enrollment without legal settlement who leaves Seymour High School at any point during the school year will not be allowed to re-enroll during the same school year.
 11. An interview for prospective students and parents may be required.

12. The Board waives Transfer Tuition for students accepted for enrollment in this Section X for grade levels 9-12. No transfer tuition costs will be calculated or charged.

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