

ACTION ITEM

To: Members of the Elizabethtown Board of Education

From: Kelli Bush, Superintendent

Date: June 20, 2022

Subject: Nonresident Student Enrollment Policy

FACTS: The passage of HB563 during the 2021 legislative session states that districts must draft and approve a policy that guides the enrollment of non-resident students. A draft policy is currently being finalized and will be presented to the board for consideration at the June board meeting. A few important points to note in the draft include:

- Nonresident students may apply and be approved for enrollment. Lack of capacity may be a reason for nonacceptance.
- Any nonresident applicant who has been expelled or suspended shall only be approved by the superintendent upon extenuating circumstances.
- The district will not discriminate.
- A fee of \$250 will be charged per student per year to offset costs the district does not get in regard to property taxes.
- Transportation will not be provided to any nonresident student.
- Athletic participation will be governed by KHSAA rules and regulations.
- Nonresident students may be dismissed at the end of the school year for poor attendance, behavior issues, poor academic effort, and/or chronic disruptive behavior.

Recommendation: I recommend approval of the nonresident enrollment policy as presented to begin July1, 2022.

Nonresident Students

The district shall allow nonresident students to enroll in the District pursuant to existing Admissions and Attendance Policy 09.12, Tuition Policy 09.124, and related procedures.

ENROLLMENT

Nonresident pupils may be admitted to the District upon approval of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. Upon approval, the nonresident students will be eligible to enroll in public schools located within the district with consideration of capacity, and shall be assigned to a school by the school district after consideration of the family's preferences and distance from school.

Nonresident students who have been expelled or suspended from another school district or whose suspension or expulsion is pending shall not be permitted to enroll in the District's schools unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the Superintendent.

When the addition of a nonresident student would require the hiring of additional teachers and/or support staff in the classroom or unit where the student would be enrolled, the applicant will be provided the opportunity to enroll in another district school if available. Determination of this capacity requirement will be based upon applicable class size regulations, building capacity as determined by the Kentucky Department of Education, and other state age and class size restrictions.

Enrollment of nonresident students shall not create a situation that exceeds capacity of a school.

The district shall not discriminate between nonresident pupils nor on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation or disability in enrollment set forth in Office of Civil Rights Lay, Title VI, VII, IX ADA and Section 504.

TUITION/FEES

A nonresident fee of \$250 per student per school year shall be charged and is due in full at the time of enrollment for all nonresident students whose parent is not employed full time by the district. No tuition shall be charged as long as the student's district of residence releases ADA funds to Elizabethtown Independent Schools for that student. If the District of the student's residence will not release funds, the nonresident student shall be charged tuition equal to the District's base SEEK allotment.

TRANSPORTATION

The district will not provide transportation outside of the district boundaries for nonresident students.

PROCESS OF ENROLLMENT

An annual enrollment process shall be determined by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Movement of nonresident student athletes from one district to another and athletic participation shall be addressed by KHSAA regulations.

STATUS OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

Nonresident students are accepted in the district for one school year terms. Students are automatically renewed each year thereafter as long as the student remains in good standing. During the school year, the student is expected to abide by all school rules, the student code of conduct, and is subject to the disciplinary procedures as set forth therein.

Failure to pay the required nonresident fee or applicable tuition when due will result in automatic removal or dismissal of a nonresident student.

During each school year, the Board may remove or dismiss a nonresident student for misconduct pursuant to KRS 158.150 following applicable due process procedures.

At the end of the school year, the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee may remove or dismiss a nonresident student upon notice to the student's parent/guardian.

Factors that may lead to removal or dismissal shall include:

- Poor attendance (10 or more days unexcused absences or tardies)
- Behavior issues
- Poor academic performance (failure to demonstrate desire to learn and/or failure to follow academic direction)
- Chronic disruption of the school environment by the student