

Current 157.350 language-

Allows a child who attends school in a district in which the parent of the pupil is employed to be counted in the district's Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for SEEK funding.

This is not an adjustment on SEEK. The law simply allows districts to receive SEEK funding for Children of District Employees (CDE) who may live in another Kentucky school district to attend the school where their parent or guardian is employed. The following definitions and guidelines must be met for a student to be counted as a CDE student and flagged:

"Employed" refers to any person holding an employment contract with the district at a level that requires that person to receive a W-2 Wage and Tax Statement and further requires the employee to participate in one of the state retirement systems, typically the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) or the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS or CERS). Examples of persons who would not qualify are those who do not work enough hours to qualify for retirement benefits or a person whose income received from the district is reported on a 1099-MISC form.

"Parent" is defined as a person who has a school age child who lives in the employee's household and the employee exercises custodial care and control of the child. Examples include biological or adoptive parent, step-parent, or foster parent. "Parent" also includes any person to whom the courts have awarded custodial care of the child. The district must retain supporting documentation for the 'parent' designation (e.g., birth certificate, court order, etc.) The KDE will review the documentation when conducting Attendance Reviews.

A non-resident pupil with a parent employed in the district is not included in the count of students governed by the written non-resident agreement. If the districts have a non-resident agreement that includes a cap on the number of non-resident pupils, the children whose parents are employed in the Kentucky school district should be counted in addition to the capped number in the agreement. Students of district employees whose parents' transport them into Kentucky to their school of employment from out of state are not funded by SEEK. SEEK does not fund out of state students.

KDE Definitions and Clarifications

*All children of school district employees (CDE) attending school where their parent or guardian works are counted for SAAR as resident students. They should not be included in the non-resident counts. KRS 157.350 (4) (b).