

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Springfield, New Jersey 07081**

**POLICY: NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**

The Springfield Board of Education realizes that in certain cases it may be in the best interest of a particular student to grant permission for non-resident status. However, in order to protect the interest and welfare of the student as well as the Springfield School System, the following conditions have been developed:

1. Each student will be considered for non-resident status on a case-by-case basis. The following priorities have been set:
  - a. Children of parents employed by the School District
  - b. Children of parents working in Springfield Township
  - c. Children with relatives residing in Springfield Township
  - d. Children whose families have moved to nearby communities
  - e. Other
2. The placement must receive Board approval upon recommendation from the Superintendent.
3. There must be sufficient classroom space and curricular materials available.
4. School assignment shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent, based upon the best interest of the educational process.
5. If the non-resident status of the student subsequently proves not to be in the best interest of the student or of the Springfield School District, recommendation for termination shall come from the Superintendent for Board approval.
6. Non-resident status shall be granted on a year-to-year basis only.
7. Application for non-resident status shall be made prior to the start of the school year whenever possible.
8. Application for subsequent years shall be made prior to May 15.
9. The Board shall annually determine tuition rates for nonresident pupils.
10. Tuition payments shall be made monthly in advance if paid by the individual; if paid by another school district, tuition can be paid quarterly.

11. Transportation to and from school shall be the responsibility of the parent or guardian, unless transportation is available under current laws for handicapped students.
12. “Non-resident students” shall be defined as those living outside the legal boundaries of Springfield Township.

### **Foreign Exchange Students**

The Board may admit foreign exchange students into district schools in order to promote cultural awareness and understanding among students.

The Board may accept exchange students on a J-1 visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. Tuition may be waived for students on a J-1 visa.

The Board may accept privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established district rate. Tuition cannot be waived for students on an F-1 visa, and attendance in district schools shall not exceed 12 months. Students attending the schools of this district on an F-1 visa may not participate in any adult-education programs sponsored by the Board under any circumstances.

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Chief School Administrator by July 1 preceding the school year of attendance. Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students of this district. The Chief School Administrator shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission.

### **Homeless Pupils**

The district will determine the educational placement of homeless students in each child’s best interest and respond to appeals concerning them made by parents/guardians or other parties in accordance with New Jersey statutes and administrative code, as well as pertinent federal law.

### **Legal References:**

- N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3 Definitions
- N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
- N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-1 et seq. Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 1999
- N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 et seq. Attendance at school free of charge
- N.J.S.A. 18A:46-20 Receiving pupils from outside district; establishment of facilities
- N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)

N.J.A.C. 6A:12-1.3 et seq. Interdistrict Public School Choice  
N.J.A.C. 6A:17-1.1 et seq. Students at Risk of Not Receiving a Public Education  
N.J.A.C. 6A:22 Student residency  
N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.1 Students domiciled within the school district  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.2 Method of determining the district of residence  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.3 Address submission for determining the district of residence

Illegal Immigrant and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1997, 8 U.S.C. § 1101

Board of Education of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs v. Board of Education of the  
City of Englewood, 132 NJ 327; cert. denied, 510 U.S. 991 (1993); subsequent  
listing 333 N.J. Super. (App. Div. 2000)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

J.A. v. Board of Education of South Orange/Maplewood, 318 N.J. Super. 512 (App.Div  
1999)

**Cross References:**

3240 Tuition income  
5111 Admission  
5114 Suspension and expulsion  
6142.5 Travel and exchange programs  
6151 Class size

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