

**Policy**

ADMISSION

Eligibility

The Harrison Township Board of Education shall admit to its schools free of charge the following persons over five and under 20 years of age:

- A. Any student domiciled within the district;
- B. Any student kept in the home of a person other than the student's parent/guardian, where the person is domiciled in the school district and is supporting the student without remuneration as if the student were his/her own child;
- C. Any student kept in the home of a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent/guardian, where the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the reserve component of the United States armed forces and has been ordered into active military service in the United States armed forces in time of war or national emergency;
- D. Any student whose parent/guardian temporarily resides within the district, notwithstanding the existence of a domicile elsewhere;
- E. Any student whose parent/guardian moves to another district as the result of being homeless, subject to the provisions of administrative code;
- F. Any student placed in the home of a district resident by court order pursuant to statute;
- G. Any student previously residing in the district if the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the United States reserves and has been ordered to active service in time of war or national emergency pursuant to statute; and
- H. Any student residing on federal property within the state pursuant to statute.

Proof of Eligibility

The board shall accept any of the forms of documentation that are listed in the administrative code when they are presented by persons attempting to demonstrate a student's eligibility for enrollment in the district. The board shall consider the totality of information and documentation offered by an applicant and may accept other forms of documentation or information presented by a person seeking to enroll a student.

The board shall not require or request any information or document protected from disclosure by law or pertaining to criteria that are not legitimate bases for determining eligibility to attend school.

Pre-School Inclusion Program for Students with Disabilities

Any child in the district who is eligible for special education services may be admitted into the Harrison Township School District Pre-School Inclusion Program provided that:

- A. The child has attained the age of three but not the age of 5 on or before October 1 of the current school

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year;

- B. Proof shall be furnished of immunization against the communicable diseases at the time of enrollment shall be completed within 30 days from date of entry into the school;
- C. The child shall have been examined by either the school physician or a private physician, and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.

Kindergarten

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to the kindergarten provided:

- A. The child will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of that school year;
- B. Proof shall be furnished of immunization against the communicable diseases at the time of enrollment or such immunization shall be completed within 30 days from date of entry into the school;
- C. The child shall have been examined by either the school or a private physician, and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.

Grade One

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to grade one provided:

- A. The child will have attained the age of six years on or before October 1 of that school year;
- B. He/she has been in the first grade in another public school;
- C. Proof has been furnished of immunization against communicable diseases.

Transfers Into Grades Two through Six

Students transferring into the district are expected to present copies of records from the previously attended school (or district) to aid in placement. Also required are proof of immunizations and proof of identity.

Within the time prescribed by law, the superintendent shall request in writing from the school or district of previous attendance, the student's records.

Initial placement shall be made on the basis of the records, but adjustment may be made at the discretion of the administration when the state-mandated assessment indicates that such adjustments would be beneficial to the child. Parents/guardians shall be informed of this policy on registration.

Joint Custody

When divorced parents/guardians have joint custody of (a) minor child(ren), admission shall be based on the present address of the parent/guardian with whom the child(ren) resided as of the date required by administrative code.

Affidavit Students

When there is any doubt as to whether a child is entitled to free public education in the school district, all procedures of law and code shall be followed.

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Nonresidents

The district is obliged to educate children of appropriate age residing in the district. The mere owning of any property whatsoever, does not qualify a parent/guardian to send children to school in this school district. See policy 5118 Nonresidents.

Students Returning from County Detention

The district shall accept all days of attendance and courses studied by a student at a county juvenile detention center and apply them toward district requirements for elementary, middle or high school graduation.

Homeless Students

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.

The board shall make this policy available to parents and the public.

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Key Words

Admission, Resident, Student Records, Affidavit Student, Homeless Student, Student Records, Affidavit Student, Homeless Student

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7B-12  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7B-12.1   <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-12  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-19a  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-25.1   <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-1  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-2   <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-3  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-4  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-5  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-5.1  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-6  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-7.7  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-8  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-25   <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-20  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:44-1   <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:44-2  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:1A-9.1</p>	<p>District of residence; determination          Homeless child; responsibility for education; determination of placement; payment of costs          High School Graduation Standards          Juvenile detention centers, transfer of credit          Newly enrolled students; records and identification          Proof of child's identity required for enrollment; transfer of record between districts          Attendance at school free of charge          Free attendance at school by nonresidents placed in district under court order          Attendance at school by nonresidents          Free attendance to persons over age          Admission of students under age          No child to be excluded from school because of race, etc.          Time of admission of students; first school year          Legislative findings and declarations          Duty to receive students from other districts          Attendance required of children between six and 16; exceptions          Immunization at public expense          Establishment of nursery schools or departments; eligibility for admission          Establishment of kindergarten; eligibility for admission          Exemption of students from mandatory immunization</p>
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<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:4-6	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or students
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:12-3.1	Choice district application procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Special Education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-2.2	Required health services
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-2.4	Required student health records
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:17-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Students at Risk of Not Receiving a Public Education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:22-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Entitlement to Attend School Based on Domicile or Student Residency
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:22-3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-19.2, -19.3	Method of determining the district of residence
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-8.2	School enrollment
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57	Communicable diseases
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-2	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:61-1.1	Attendance at school by students or adults infected by Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV)

Tepper v. Board of Education of the Township Hackensack, Bergen County, 1971 S.L.D. 549

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

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

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

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b>	3240	Tuition income
	*5118	Nonresidents
	5119	Transfers
	*5120	Assessment of individual needs
	*5141	Health
	*5141.2	Illness
	*5141.3	Health examinations and immunizations
	6142.5	Travel and exchange programs
	*6164.4	Child study team
	*6171.4	Special education
	6174	Summer school
	6178	Early childhood education/preschool

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.