PERSONS AGE 21 AND OVER

The District shall admit persons between 21 and 26 years of age for the purpose of completing the requirements for a high school diploma.

REGISTRATION FORMS

The student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control shall annually complete and sign registration forms. A student who has reached age 18 shall be permitted to complete and sign these forms.

MINOR LIVING APART

PERSON STANDING IN PARENTAL RELATION

A minor student residing in the District but whose parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control under a court order does not reside in the District shall present a power of attorney or an authorization agreement as provided in Chapter 34 of the Family Code assigning responsibility for the student in all school-related matters to an adult resident of the District.

MISCONDUCT

A minor student living apart who has engaged in misconduct that results in any of the consequences found in Education Code 25.001(d) shall not be permitted to attend a District school.

EXCEPTIONS

Based on an individual student's circumstance, the Superintendent shall have authority to grant exceptions to the requirement for a power of attorney or authorization agreement and to the exclusion for misconduct.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Superintendent shall determine whether a minor student living apart is present in the District for the primary purpose of participating in extracurricular activities.

NONRESIDENT STUDENT IN GRANDPARENT'S AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

The parent and grandparent of a nonresident student requesting admission under Education Code 25.001(b)(9) shall provide to the Superintendent the required information on the grandparent's residency and complete a form provided by the District describing the extent of after-school care to be provided by the grandparent.

The Superintendent shall have authority to approve or deny such admissions requests in accordance with criteria approved by the Board.

SUBSTANTIAL AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

For the purpose of admission under this provision, a substantial amount of after-school care shall consist of at least two hours per school day for five days during the regular school week.

A student enrolled under this provision may continue in enrollment so long as the grandparent provides this level of care.

The Superintendent shall have authority to waive these requirements on the basis of a student's extenuating circumstances.

PLACEMENT

ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

The parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of a student enrolling in a District school from an accredited public, private, or parochial school shall provide evidence of the prior schooling outside the District. The student shall be placed initially at the grade level reached elsewhere, pending observation by the classroom teacher, guidance personnel, and the principal. On the basis of these observations and results of tests that may be administered by appropriate District personnel, the principal shall determine the final grade placement.

For the purposes of this policy, “accredited” shall be defined as accreditation by TEA, an equivalent agency from another state, or an accrediting association recognized by the Commissioner.

NONACCREDITED SCHOOLS

A student enrolling in a District school from a nonaccredited public, private, or parochial school, including a homeschool, shall be placed initially at the discretion of the principal, pending observation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the principal. Criteria for placement may include:

1. Scores on achievement tests, which may be administered by appropriate District personnel.
2. Recommendation of the sending school.
3. Prior academic record.
4. Chronological age and social and emotional development of the student.
5. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Before granting credit, the District shall validate, by testing or other evidence, that any course taken by a student at a nonaccredited public, private, or parochial school meets State Board requirements. [See EHDB]

WITHDRAWAL

A parent or guardian wishing to withdraw a minor student shall present a signed request stating the reason for the withdrawal. A student who is 18 or older may request withdrawal without a parent’s or guardian’s signature.

[For District withdrawal of students no longer in attendance, see FEA(LOCAL)]