

Persons Age 21 and Over	The District shall admit persons between 21 and 26 years of age for the purpose of completing requirements for a high school diploma.
Registration Forms	The student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control shall annually complete registration forms. A student who has reached age 18 shall be permitted to complete these forms.
Proof of Residency	At the time of initial registration and on an annual basis thereafter, the parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student under order of a court shall present proof of residency in accordance with administrative regulations developed by the Superintendent. The District may investigate stated residency as necessary.
Minor Living Apart	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.
Person Standing in Parental Relation	
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.
Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning	A student who is enrolled in an adjoining district or in a private, parochial, or charter school and wishes to attend the Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning (AACAL) for a portion of his or her high school coursework shall complete the admissions requirements established by the District.
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. For purposes of admitting a student under this provision, a substantial amount of after-school care shall be defined as at least

three hours per school day for five days during the regular school week.

**Waiver of
Substantial Care
Requirement**

For a student who does not meet the substantial care definition above, the Superintendent may waive the substantial care requirements on the basis of a student's extenuating circumstances. In determining what constitutes extenuating circumstances, the Superintendent shall consider the following criteria, including, but not limited to:

1. The number of hours in a typical school day the grandparent provides after-school care;
2. The number of days in a typical school week the grandparent provides after-school care;
3. The scheduling and commuting needs of the student's parent;
4. Any unique medical or developmental needs of the student; and
5. Any other relevant issues.

Appeal

A student, parent or guardian, or grandparent who is dissatisfied with the outcome of the Superintendent's decision regarding waiving the substantial care requirement may appeal the decision by filing a grievance in accordance with FNG(LOCAL), beginning at the appropriate level.

**"Accredited"
Defined**

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 of education.

**Grade-level
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.

**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. A recommendation of the sending school.
3. The prior academic record.
4. The chronological age and social and emotional development of the student.
5. Other criteria deemed appropriate, as outlined in administrative regulations.

Transfer of Credit

Accredited Texas
Public Schools

Credit toward state graduation requirements earned in an accredited public school district in Texas shall be transferable and recognized by the District.

Other Accredited or
Nonaccredited
Schools

Before recognizing credit in a course earned in an accredited non-public school, an accredited school outside of Texas, or a nonaccredited school, appropriate personnel shall evaluate a student's records and transcript. The District may require the student to demonstrate mastery of the content or use alternative methods to verify course content for the award of credit. [See EI]

Withdrawal

A parent or guardian wishing to withdraw a minor student shall present a signed statement that includes the reason for the withdrawal. A student who is 18 or older may submit a withdrawal statement without a parent's or guardian's signature.

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