

Students

Admission to School

Resident and Non-Resident Students

I. Resident Students

- A. Children of school age who:
 - 1. Are not graduates of a high school or vocational school,
 - 2. Whose parents are residents of the City of Ansonia with the intent to remain indefinitely, and
 - 3. Are bona fide residents of Ansonia are entitled to school accommodations provided by the Ansonia Board of Education without payment of tuition.
- B. A bona fide resident for purpose of this policy is defined as:
 - 1. Any child who is residing with his or her parents or parent who is a bona fide resident of Ansonia; or
 - 2. Any child who is residing with a legally appointed guardian who is a bona fide resident of Ansonia; or
 - 3. A legally emancipated minor or a child eighteen years of age or older who is residing in Ansonia with the intent to reside on a permanent basis.
- C. A resident with disabilities who attain 3 years of age must receive educational services based on an Individual Education Program (IEP) designed by a Pupil Placement Team (PPT). Special education students are entitled to education services until the earlier of age 21 or graduation.
- D. Residence is defined as where the student is actually living.
- E. If the property on which a residence is located is situated partially in Ansonia and partially in another town, and taxes are paid in both towns, the parents may choose the town in which the child will attend school.

II. Non-Resident Students

- A. Children of school age who are not residents of Ansonia but who are residing with adult relatives or non-relatives who are bona fide residents of Ansonia may be entitled to school accommodations provided by the Ansonia Board of Education without payment of tuition provided that the child resides in Ansonia, according to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-253:

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II. Non-Resident Students (continued)

1. Is to be permanent. For the purpose of this policy, the term "permanent" shall be defined as the intent by the non-resident student, the Ansonia relative or non-relative, and the student's parent or guardian, that said student intends to reside in Ansonia indefinitely, the majority of the time.
2. Is provided by the Ansonia relative or non-relative without payment (any monetary remuneration for the support of the student) or compensation of any type by the child's parent or legal guardian; and
3. Is not for the sole purpose of attending Ansonia Public Schools.

The Superintendent shall require that affidavits be executed by both the child's parent or legal guardian and the Ansonia relative or non-relative attesting to the child's residence in Ansonia. The Superintendent may also require any other supporting documentation as she/he deems necessary.

As part of the affidavit executed by the child's parent or legal guardian, the parent or legal guardian shall include a statement indicating the individual(s) who have the right to make educational decisions on behalf of the non-resident child. If the parent or legal guardian does not specify that someone other than the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may make educational decision on behalf of the child, or the authority to make such decisions on behalf of the child remains unclear, the Ansonia Public Schools will assume that only the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the child may make educational decisions on behalf of the child. Where there is more than one parent or legal guardian of the child, the Ansonia Public Schools will presume that any of the parents or legal guardians of the child have the right to make educational decisions on behalf of the child. To overcome this presumption, proper documentation from a court of competent jurisdiction must be provided to the Ansonia Public Schools.

- B Except as provided above, children who are not bona fide residents of Ansonia may be permitted to attend Ansonia public schools at the discretion of the Ansonia Board of Education, or the Superintendent, or their designees, upon such terms as said Board shall establish on a space available basis. Said terms may include the payment of appropriate tuition as determined by the Ansonia Board of Education. Non-resident students who are permitted to attend Ansonia shall be responsible to provide their own transportation to and from school.

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II. Non-Resident Students (continued)

- C. When a family moves from Ansonia during the school year, a child may continue to attend the Ansonia school he/she was attending for the remainder of the school year under the following terms and conditions:
1. Students moving from Ansonia who are enrolled in the eighth grade or senior year of high school are permitted to complete the remainder of the school year, tuition free, within the discretion of the Superintendent
 2. During the final marking period, students moving from Ansonia at any grade level are permitted to complete the school year, tuition free, within the discretion of the Superintendent;
 3. In all cases where a student continues in attendance in the Ansonia public schools after his/her family moves from Ansonia, transportation to and from Ansonia must be provided by the family.
- D. Parents who have legally documented proof of intent to reside in Ansonia may be granted permission to enroll their children up to two months prior to actual residence in the community. Enrollment under these circumstances beyond two months will be continued only on a per diem tuition basis.
- E. Children who are citizens of a foreign country who reside in Ansonia and who first receive approval by the Superintendent, may be permitted to attend the Ansonia Public Schools in accordance with the requirements of state and federal law. Tuition for attendance by foreign students may be assessed as permitted by state and/or federal law.
- F. Any student not affected by Section II(C), (D), or (E) stated above, shall be assessed at a tuition rate equal to the Minimum Expenditure Requirement (MER) as published by the State Department of Education for the fiscal year commencing July 1.
- G. Parents employed by the Ansonia public school and not residing in Ansonia who wish to enroll their son/daughter in the Ansonia public school shall be assessed at a tuition rate equally to 50% of the Minimum Expenditure Requirement (MER) as published by the State Department of Education for the fiscal year commencing July 1.

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- H. Students enrolled in a special education program shall pay the cost of said program, less 50% of the MER, with said cost to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools.
- I. Tuition payments shall be made in two equal installments, on 1 September and on 31 December.
- J. Students who are considered to be homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act shall be permitted to attend the Ansonia Public Schools in accordance with state and federal law, and Ansonia Board of Education Policy 5118.1.
- L. The decision regarding the residency status of any child shall be made by the Superintendent. At the end of each school year, the Superintendent will review the status of each non-resident child enrolled pursuant to this policy for approval or denial of the following school year.
- M. The Superintendent shall require that parents or guardians of a child provide an appropriate proof of residency in Ansonia prior to enrollment of their child in Ansonia Public Schools. The Superintendent shall also require that parents or guardians of a child already enrolled in the Ansonia Public Schools provide appropriate proof of residency in Ansonia when there is:
 - 1. Change of residence; address;
 - 2. Return of school mailing by the U.S. Postal Service because addressee unknown at the address given to the school;
 - 3. Report of non-resident status of student enrolled in Ansonia ;
 - 4. Any other indications of non-residency

Upon the suspicion of non-residency, the Superintendent may request an investigation which may include:

- 1. Study of documentation previously submitted by parent/guardian;
- 2. Requirement to submittal documents verifying a residency;
- 3. An investigation of tax records to determine residency;
- 4. Additional investigation if deemed necessary.

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II. Non-Resident Students (continued)

- N. In the event it is determined by the Superintendent of Schools that a child is not a legal resident of Ansonia and is not entitled to be provided free school accommodations by the Ansonia Board of Education, the parent or guardian of the child or the legally emancipated minor or child over the age of eighteen (18) shall be notified in writing pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-186 that they have a right to request a hearing before the Ansonia Board of Education, or a committee of the Board, regarding this issue. The Board may appoint an impartial hearing board of one or more persons to conduct this hearing on behalf of the Board, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-186(b)(1). The Superintendent shall have the discretion to appoint an impartial hearing officer as directed from time to time by the Board.
- O. In the event it is determined that a child is not legally entitled to be provided school accommodation by the Ansonia Board of Education without the payment of tuition, the Ansonia Board of Education may, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-186 assess the child's parent or guardian for tuition for that period of time that the child was not legally entitled to attend the Ansonia Public Schools and may seek civil remedies to collect any unpaid assessments of tuition.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-4a Educational interests of state defined (amended by PA 97-290, An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities)

10-15 Towns to maintain schools

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds, as amended by PA 97-247

10-33 Tuition in towns in which no high school is maintained.

10-35 Notice of discontinuance of high school service to nonresidents.

10-55 Students to attend regional school.

10-76a - 10-76g re special education

10-184 Duties of parents (re mandatory schooling for children ages five to sixteen, inclusive) - as amended by PA 98-243, and PA 00-157

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Amended by PA 96-26, An Act Concerning Graduation Requirements and Placement of Older Students

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)
Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board
10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils
10-233c Suspension of pupils
10-233d Expulsion of pupils
10-233k Notification of school officials of potentially dangerous students.
(as amended by PA 01-176)
10-261 Definitions
State Board of Education Regulations
10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)
10-76d-7 Admission of student requiring special education (referral)
10-204a Required immunizations (as amended by PA 98-243)
10-253 School privileges for children in certain placements, nonresident
children and children in temporary shelters
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

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