

## **SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY**

The District provides free education to District residents between the ages of 16 through 21 who do not possess a diploma.

Admission to the District may be limited to students who have attained a specific grade level or within a specific age group; to students that meet the definition of 'at-risk', as defined in the contract; or to separate groups of students that are autistic and nondisabled, meeting the requirements of ORC 3314.061 and defined in contract.

There will be no discrimination in the admission of students on the basis of race, creed, color, disability, or sex.

Any student with a disability, the District will comply with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities.

The District does not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability.

Enrollment is not limited to students who reside in the district and is open to residents of other districts. A student is considered a resident of the District if he/she resides with a parent, a grandparent with either power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit or a person or government agency with legal custody whose place of residence is within the boundaries of the District. Parents, and grandparents with either power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit, are required to present legal proofs of residence and change of residence during school years if applicable.

Except as otherwise provided under ORC 3314.06(B) or ORC 3314.061, if the number of applicants exceeds the District's capacity restrictions, students shall be admitted by lot from all those submitting applications, except preferences shall be given to students attending the District the previous year. Preference may also be given to siblings of students attending the school the previous year. Preference also may be given to students who are the children of full-time staff members employed by the District, provided the total number of students receiving this preference is less than 5% of the school's total enrollment.

If enrollment of students reaches capacity of the Districts programs, classes, grade levels or facilities, students and parents/guardians will be notified.

New entrants at all grade levels are required to present at the time of enrollment a birth certificate or other document as evidence of birth, a certified copy of any child custody order or decree, proof of having received or being in the process of receiving required immunizations and copies of those records pertaining to him/her, which are maintained by the school most recently attended. A protected child, as defined by State law, may not be denied admission to the school solely because the child does not present a birth certificate or comparable document upon registration. A protected child or parent, guardian or custodian of the child must present this documentation within 90 days after the child's initial entry into the school. The District immediately enrolls homeless students and foster students and assists in obtaining the necessary enrollment documents.

In addition, students released from the Department of Youth Services (DYS), just prior to requesting admission to the District, may not be admitted until the Superintendent has received all required documents provided by DHS. Forwarded documents are:

1. an updated copy of the student's transcript;
2. a report of the student's behavior in school while in DHS custody;
3. the student's current Individualized Education Program, if developed, and
4. a summary of the institutional record of the student's behavior.

DYS has 14 days to send the documents to the Superintendent.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC [2151.33](#);

[2152.18\(D\)\(4\)](#)

[3109.52](#) through [3109.61](#); [3109.65](#) through [3109.76](#); [3109.78](#); [3109.79](#); [3109.80](#)

[3313.48](#); [3313.64](#); [3313.67](#); [3313.671](#); [3313.672](#)

[3317.08](#)

[3321.01](#)

OAC [3301-35-04\(F\)](#)

CROSS REFS.: [AFI](#), Evaluation of Educational Resources

[IGBA](#), Programs for Students with Disabilities

[JECAA](#), Admission of Homeless Students

[JECB](#), Admission of Nonresident Students

[JEE](#), Student Attendance Accounting (Missing and Absent Children)

[JHCA](#), Physical Examinations of Students

[JHCB](#), Immunizations

[JO](#), Student Records