

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Columbia Local Schools provide free education to district residents between the ages of 5 thru 21 who do not possess a diploma.

A student is considered a resident of the district if he/she resides with a parent or parents or a person or government agency with legal custody whose place of residence is within the boundaries of the school district. Parents and grandparents with either power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit may be required to present legal proofs of residence.

Students who do not legally qualify as residents will be required to pay tuition as established by law and Board policy unless said students are participating in an open enrollment program, are approved by admission under ORC 3313.64 (F)(1-9), or are admitted by vote of the Board of Education under ORC 3313.64 (E, G), and ORC 3313.645.

The Board will allow a child to begin the school year or second semester in the district's schools provided evidence can be submitted that the parent will, in fact, become a resident of the district within a period of 60 days. Such evidence would include a contract completion date for a house under construction, or some documentary evidence that the parent would be moving into a rental or purchase property within the 60-day period. Otherwise, the child will continue to attend school in his/her residence district until such time as the parents actually move into this school district.

New entrants at all grade levels will be required to present at the time of enrollment a birth certificate or other 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 hi/her which are maintained by the school most recently attended.

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 DYS. Forwarded documents are:

1. an updated copy of the student's transcript;
2. a report of the student's behavior in school while in DYS custody;
3. the student's current Individualized Education Program (IEP), 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.

Release of Students

The Columbia Board of Education will release students to another school district but the Board of Education assumes no financial obligation (including tuition and transportation) for any student release. Release authorized by the Board of Education permits the student to participate in all activities, including athletics.

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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
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CROSS REFS.: AFI, Evaluation of Educational Resources
 IGBA, Programs for Students with Disabilities
 JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students
 JEE, Student Attendance Accounting (Missing and Absent Children)
 JHCA, Physical Examinations of Students
 JHCB, Immunizations
 JO, Student Records

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