

## ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

Under Iowa law, all children are entitled to an education in the public schools of Iowa free of personal payment of tuition until their graduation from an approved public high school or until they reach the age of 21.

A student is restricted in his/her right to attend school free of tuition to the district of his/her residence, unless otherwise provided by statute. Ordinarily, the legal residence of a minor is the same as that of his/her parents. If the bona fide residence of a minor is not the same as the parent's, the residence must have been established for the sake of the student having a home and not primarily for the sake of obtaining a free education in the district.

Each case involving the bona fide residence of a student must be decided upon its individual merits by the Board of Directors or designee, subject to appeal to the State Department of Education.

"Residence" means "the place, abode, or dwelling" of a person.

Resident students may attend the College Community Public Schools free of tuition if:

- \* they are actual residents of the school district, and are between the ages of five and 21;
- \* they have been designated residents of the school district by a court;
- \* they are wards of guardians or other persons who stand in loco parentis, and who live in the district;
- \* they are officially approved foreign exchange students living with a family within the district and attending school within the district (see 506.8);
- \* they are children of state employees who are residents of the district, including the minor children of alien parents,
- \* resident is an honorably discharged member of the military, as many months after their 21st birthday as they have spent in U.S. military service.

A student who has reached the age of 18 and is still eligible to attend an Iowa secondary school may declare his/her/her own in residence independent of the residence of his/her parents.

### Students on the Sex Offender Registry

Prior to knowingly enrolling an individual who is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 692A, but who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school, the Board will determine the educational placement of the individual. Upon receipt of notice that a student who is enrolled in the district is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 692A, the Board will determine the educational placement of the student.

The tentative agenda for the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the Board will consider such enrollment or educational placement shall specifically state that the Board is considering the enrollment or educational placement of an individual who is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 692A. If the individual is denied enrollment in the district under this/her section, the school district of residence shall provide the individual with educational services in an alternative setting.

LEGAL REFS.: Code of Iowa, Chapters 282.6 and 7, 285.4  
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