

# RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## POLICY # 1001

### **Residency**

The Red Hook Central School District Board of Education views its principal obligation under the Education Law to be the provision of a free public education to each school-age resident of the District. Because of the comparable responsibility imposed by law on every other school in New York State and the limitations on the district's resources, the board establishes that non-resident students will not be admitted to the District's schools. For purposes of this Policy, the residence of all students shall be presumed to be that of his or her parent(s). Exceptions to this policy may be made only under the following circumstances:

1. When a student, whose parent(s) is/are (a) non-resident(s) of the District, moves into a household located in the District, and a member of that household has assumed total legal custody of the student and the parent(s) has relinquished total parental control. Such a transfer of custody and control supported by competent evidence. The Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall be authorized to collect the necessary documentation.
2. When a non-resident student is a foreign national and:
  - a. is associated with a well-established and officially recognized pupil exchange program, such as American Field Service, International Fellowship, Inc., Rotary Exchange Students, and Experiment in International Living; and
  - b. the students' "host" family resides in the District; and
  - c. prior written approval for the student's school attendance in the District has been obtained from the Superintendent of School.
3. When a family has made a binding financial or contractual commitment to move into the District, but the move will not occur until after the start of the school year, so long as:
  - a. the family's move into the District is scheduled to occur within ten (10) weeks of the date of requested admission and
  - b. the student's parent or guardian assumes full responsibility for transporting the student until such move has occurred.

4. When a high school senior's family moves out of the district at any time prior to the end of the school year. In such case, the student's parent or guardian must assume full responsibility for transporting the student.
5. In circumstances for which there is a mandate from the State or the Commissioner of Education;

Whenever there exists a question concerning the residency of a student and his/her right to attend school in the Red Hook Central School District, the Superintendent is authorized by the Board as its designee to commence an investigation into the circumstances and to determine, under applicable law and in light of all the facts ascertained, whether such child is in fact a resident of the Red Hook Central School District, in accordance with the procedures of §100.2 (y) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

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