

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

ENROLLMENT

1. Authority

SC – 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1310.1, 1317, 1371
State Board of Education Regulations – Title 22, Section 4.26, 11.11
42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.

The District shall enroll eligible school age students in accordance with Board policy and applicable laws and regulations. The entitlement and requirements to secure enrollment shall apply equally to resident students residing with their parents/ legal guardians; emancipated minors; non-resident students living with a district resident who is supporting the child gratis, including students residing in the District as the result of the military deployment of a parent/guardian; children living with pre-adoptive parents who reside in the District; non-resident students living in a facility or institution within the District; and non-resident students living in a foster home.

2. Definitions

School age shall be defined as the period from the earliest admission age for the District's kindergarten program until graduation from high school or the end of the school term in which the student reaches the age of twenty-one (21) years, whichever occurs first.

District of residence shall be defined as the school district in which a student's parent/ legal guardian resides.

An **emancipated minor** shall be defined as a student under the age of 21 who has established a domicile apart from the continued control and support of a parent or guardian. Emancipation of a minor is a question of fact, which is not presumed and is not solely dependent upon the employment status of the minor. The burden of establishing emancipation is on the student seeking emancipated status.

Unaccompanied homeless youth shall be defined as any child who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, including students who have runaway from home, been thrown out of their home or abandoned or separated from their parent or guardian.

In accordance with the provisions of this policy and applicable law and regulation, **homeless children** are those who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and include children who are sharing the housing of other individuals due to loss of housing, economic hardship or other significant reason. Included within the definition of homeless children are youth awaiting foster care placement and "unaccompanied homeless youth."

3. Guidelines

Enrollment Requirements:

A school age child shall be entitled to attend the schools of his/her district of residence.

The District shall normally enroll an eligible school age student the next business day, but no later than five (5) business days after application.

The District shall not enroll a student until the parent/guardian has supplied:

1. Proof of the child's age;

2. Acceptable documentation of immunizations as required by law; and
3. Proof of residency (the District may require more than one form of residency confirmation).

In verifying residency, the District shall require only such information as is deemed reasonable in light of a family's circumstances. The District shall immediately enroll identified homeless students, even if the student or guardian is unable to produce the required documents, in accordance with Board policy and applicable law.

The District shall not inquire as to the immigration status of a student as part of the enrollment process.

In addition to the requirements for registration set forth above, the parent/guardian must submit a parent registration statement attesting to whether the student has been or is suspended or expelled for offenses involving drugs, alcohol, weapons, and/or infliction of injury or violence on school property.

Upon enrollment the District shall contact the student's former school and request a certified copy of the student's education records. The District shall enroll eligible students within 5 business days of application regardless of receipt of records from previous districts.

The District shall not deny or delay a student's enrollment based upon information contained in the student's certified disciplinary record or parent registration statement, but may provide alternative education services to students who have committed weapons offenses in accordance with applicable law.

The District shall administer a home language survey to all students enrolling in the District's schools for the first time.

When the parents of a student reside in different school districts, the student may attend the school district of residence of the parent with whom the student lives for a majority of the time, unless a court order or court approved custody agreement specifies otherwise.

A student may only have one school district of residence. If the parents of a child share joint custody and the child's time is evenly divided between the residences of each parent, the parents may select one of the school districts and enroll the child in that district.

If the individual enrolling a child is relying on a court order or custody agreement as the basis for enrolling the child, the District may require submission of the court order or custody agreement. The District shall not require submission of a custody order or agreement as a condition of enrollment under any other circumstance.

A resident's receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Transitional Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), pre-adoptive or adoptive support, maintenance on public or private health insurance, support from the United States military or military personnel, or child support payments shall not be deemed to be personal compensation or gain.

4. Enrollment and Placement of Twins and Higher Order Multiple Siblings

Twins or higher order multiple siblings shall be enrolled in the District in the same manner as all other students. Placement of twins or higher order multiple siblings in particular classrooms within the District shall be determined in accordance with applicable law.