

Policy Title:	Attendance	Revised Date 6/8/10
	Residency	Policy Number 500.6

The Blaine County School District #61 adopted policy on October 8, 1996, to close the District to all non-resident students. Regular employees (excluding temporary, on call, or seasonal staff such as coaches, substitutes, and summer employees) who are non-residents may enroll their children in Blaine County School District and be exempt from tuition. If employment ends during a regular academic school year, the child(ren) of that employee will be allowed to complete that current school year tuition free. All other non-resident students found attending a school within the District shall be removed from attendance or required to pay tuition.

DEFINITION

For purposes of enforcement, a resident student is defined as a student under the age of eighteen (18) years who resides with his/her custodial or legal parent(s)/guardian(s) within the legal school boundaries of District #61. Any student age eighteen (18) years or older must reside within the legal boundaries of District #61.

An exception to the above, are Homeless Students:

In compliance with the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Title VII, Subtitle B](#), the [No Child Left Behind Act](#), and Idaho Code [33-1404](#), the following procedures are established to promptly resolve disputes regarding the educational placement of homeless students.

1. A student claiming homeless status shall be immediately admitted to school during the period of dispute resolution. Enrollment includes the eligibility for full participation in all school activities, subject to activity regulations.
2. A written explanation, in language the parent, guardian or unaccompanied student can understand, including a statement regarding the appeal process, shall be provided to a homeless student's parent or guardian if the District denies the child homeless status.
3. The student's parent or guardian shall be referred to the School District's Student Services Director immediately. The Student Services Director will advise the parent or guardian of the student's rights and assist in the dispute resolution process. The Student Services Director must ensure that the dispute resolution process is followed for unaccompanied students.
4. If agreement cannot be reached between the parties, the District Superintendent shall seek a review by a trained individual appointed by the State Department of Education. The reviewer shall, within seven (7) business days, review the matter to determine how the child's best interests, to the extent feasible, will be served.

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5. The written finding, conclusions and recommendation of the reviewer shall be provided to the District Board of Trustees at their next scheduled meeting. The Board, after review, may accept or reject the recommendation. The Board’s determination shall be final resolution of the dispute.

The [McKinney-Vento Act \(Section 725\)](#) defines “homeless children and youth” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and includes:

- a. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- b. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- c. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- d. migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (a) through (c).

Legal Reference: Idaho Code [33-1404](#)

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