

6.01.1 Admission to Schools

- a. *Resident Students* – School-age children who reside within the municipal limits of the City of Madison, Alabama, may be admitted to Madison City Schools. For purposes of this policy, the residence of the student will be the residence of the custodial parent or legal guardian. No such presumption attaches to temporary transfers of parental powers under Al Code §26-2A-7. If custody of the child is shared, alternating, or unclear, or if the child does not reside with a custodial parent or legal guardian, the domicile or actual physical residence of the child will control, except when there is evidence that the claimed residence of the child is not his actual residence, or that the claimed residence is fraudulently given as a means of avoiding or violating admission, enrollment, attendance, and residency standards and requirements.

Reference: Ala. Code §§16-28-3; 16-11-16]

b. *Non-resident Students* –

- i. *Eligibility for Admission*. Madison City Schools do not admit students who reside outside of school system attendance zones, except as follows:

- a. The student is entitled to admission pursuant to an agreement between the Board and the Town of Triana regarding the admission of students residing in Triana.
- b. The student is the child of a school system employee and the Superintendent, or his designee authorizes the student's enrollment pursuant to an established application process.
- c. The Superintendent or his designee authorizes the student's enrollment based on a determination that the student's parent or legal guardian has submitted adequate documentation (i.e. an officially executed contract or lease) of a forthcoming move to a residence in the school system's attendance zone within the next six months.
- d. The student is eligible for admission pursuant to a current agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Board and Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison at Redstone Arsenal, and selected for admission and attendance pursuant to a lottery procedure developed and implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with the terms of the MOU.

The Board reserves the right to refuse or revoke the enrollment of a nonresident students for the following reasons: 1) because of false, misleading or incomplete information on the enrollment application; 2) because a school, grade, or program(s) lacks space, staff, support services, facilities, or equipment; or 3) because the student has been suspended or expelled from school, has withdrawn from a school to avoid possible suspension or expulsion, or has a record of excessive absences or truancy from school. The admission of Non-resident Students admitted under this policy may be revoked for non-compliance with this policy, other board policies, or with the Code of Student Conduct.

- ii. *Transportation*. The Board will not provide transportation to and from school or homebound instruction outside of the Madison City Schools attendance zones, except as may be required by law.

iii. *Tuition*.

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- b. *Redstone Students*. Tuition will be charged and assessed to the responsible parent(s) for each student admitted to Madison City Schools pursuant to a Memorandum of

Understanding between the Board and Redstone. The amount of annual tuition to be paid for each such student shall be determined by the Superintendent on an annual basis and shall be based on the rate of school ad valorem tax levied in the City of Madison on a home of average value within the City of Madison as of October 1 of the year prior to the first day of the school year to which the tuition is to be applicable. The Superintendent is authorized to use any widely available data to determine the average value of a home located within the City (e.g., Zillow, tax records, etc.). Tuition due from the student's parent or guardian must be paid in a lump sum before August 1 of each year and is not refundable or reimbursable under any circumstances or for any reason. Failure to pay tuition when due may result in withdrawal of the student from Madison City Schools.