

NON-RESIDENT STUDENT ADMISSIONS

The Marengo County Board of Education recognizes that a child must generally be a bona fide resident in the area served by the school system in order to attend its schools. However, students residing with their parents or legal guardian outside the Marengo County School attendance zone may submit a written application to the Principal for enrollment in the Marengo County School District. The Superintendent and board may establish criteria for the admission of such non-resident students and may also require the payment of tuition in connection with their admission. The school system does not provide transportation to and from school or homebound instruction outside of the Marengo County School attendance zone.

Admission of Non-Resident Students

Requests for admission by parents, guardians, or custodians of students who do not reside in the Marengo County School District, but who wish to enroll their child in the school system as non-resident students will be considered by the Superintendent, or his designee if:

1. The non-resident enrollment is for educational reasons;
2. The parents, guardians, or custodians provide transportation to and from school;
3. The parents, guardians, or custodians pay any school or classroom fees in a timely manner as established by the school system.
4. The student is in “good standing” with the previous school district.

The Superintendent, or his designee, will have the discretion to accept or deny the request for enrollment of non-resident students. Their decision to accept or deny a non-resident student may be based on consideration of the following factors, as well as any other factor which could show that the student’s admission would have a positive or adverse impact on the school system:

1. Whether the transfer places an undue burden on the Marengo County School system;
2. Whether the school system currently has an instructional program that will meet the educational, physical, and emotional needs of the student;
3. Whether the school system has an availability of space at the grade level, instructional program or school level. Enrollment projections for subsequent years may also be used in making this determination;
4. Whether the student is in good academic standing at his/her current or previous school;
5. Whether the student has an acceptable behavior record at his/her current or previous school;

6. Whether the student has an acceptable attendance record at his/her current or previous school;
7. Whether the student has been convicted of possession, use, distribution or any other controlled substance violation;
8. Whether the student has been convicted of any weapons violation;
9. Whether the student has been convicted of any other criminal or statutory violation which could be deemed as having an adverse impact on the school system;
10. Whether the student's need(s) can be accommodated with current staffing and program offerings and/or whether the student's enrollment adversely affects the programming for resident students;
11. Whether the transfer would adversely impact capacities of programs, classes, grade levels, and buildings within the district;
12. Whether there is exceptional and compelling personal hardship unique to the student and/or the student's family;
13. Whether the student's parent(s) and/or guardians are employed full time by the school system.

The Superintendent, or designee has the discretion to deny any and all transfer requests without presenting the same to the board. There is no right to challenge or appeal the decision of the Superintendent, or his designee. The admission of non-resident students will be reviewed each year to ensure the continued enrollment of a student, or students, will meet the above requirements. In connection with the above factors, the school system reserves the right to annually establish capacities of programs, classes, grade levels, and buildings within the district, upon consideration of current and projected enrollments in light of physical, fiscal, and human resources projected within the district.

Placement of Non-Resident Students

Non-resident students transferring to the school system shall be placed by the Superintendent, or his designee, in those classes or at those grade levels for which their previous educational experiences appear to qualify them. The Marengo County School system reserves the right to change or modify such placements on the basis of later information, testing, or investigation.

Transportation of Non-Resident Students

Out of district transportation will not be provided nor will mileage be paid for private transportation. If adequate seating is available, students may be transported if they meet the bus at the nearest in-district bus stop or other in-district location. Seating availability and location of the appropriate bus stop location for student pick up will be made by the Marengo County School Transportation Director. The school system reserves the right to remove transportation access if changing enrollment, bus routes or other just reason places an undue burden on the

school system. Non-resident students being transported by private transportation shall not be dropped off at school before the established take in time of the school. Violation of this may result in revocation of the non-resident student's admission. Non-resident students being transported by private transportation shall not be allowed to remain at school after the established pick up time of the school. Violation of this may result in revocation of the non-resident student's admission. Each school will establish acceptable student take in and pick up times to ensure a safe and orderly environment.

Annual Review

An annual review of non-resident students will be conducted by the school system. The following factors will be considered to determine continued enrollment of a non-resident Student:

1. Attendance
2. Disciplinary record
3. Citizenship
4. Academic progress toward graduation
5. Projected enrollment and its impact on school system staffing, facility loads, class sizes or grade level enrollment
6. Any other factor or requirement set forth in this policy at its implementation or Revision

Cancellation of Enrollment

A non-resident student's enrollment in the school system is not a property right of the student (or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s)), and the student (or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s)) shall not obtain any vested rights with respect to enrollment. A non-resident student has no guarantee, expectation or right that such enrollment will be available to the student for any succeeding year.

The non-resident student's enrollment is subject to cancellation at any time by the school system for violation of any requirement set forth in this policy or failure to meet and/or maintain any standard set forth in this policy. Also, for behavior that is in violation of the Marengo County Board Student Code of Conduct.

Whether or not the non-resident student (and/or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s)) shall have an opportunity to confer with the Superintendent prior to any such discontinuance or cancellation, with any information relevant to the school system's recommendation, is within the discretion of the Superintendent.

Accuracy and Completeness of Requested Student Information

If during or after the admission acceptance process, the Superintendent, or his designee, finds that the applicant has misrepresented or failed to provide a complete set of information requested during the application process, then the school system may

decline or revoke any admission of the non-resident student.

Non-Resident Student Tuition

Where tuition is applicable to the non-resident student:

As of September 1 , 2024, the tuition will be due thirty (30) days prior to the students first day of each semester and no later than ten (10) days prior to the students first day of each Semester.

- (\$100.00 due before each semester)
- Annually or bi-annually

A late fee will be assessed after the late fee date. The fee will correspond with the LEA's bank of record's late fee for personal loans.

Marengo County School District will not discriminate concerning non-resident student transfers on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicapping conditions, including limited English proficiency, in its decision, nor will it enforce this policy in such a manner that would otherwise violate state or federal law or court order.