

ADMISSION TO THE CORPORATION

Western Wayne Schools establishes the following policy for determining student eligibility to attend the schools of this Corporation.

- A. Western Wayne Schools will educate, tuition free, students who have legal settlement in the Corporation, and students enrolled according to the requirements of I.C. 20-26-11.

- B. Where the legal settlement of a student cannot reasonably be determined by reference to the residence of the student's parent or legal guardian and the student is being supported by and living with a person whose residence is within the Corporation, the student may be enrolled without payment of tuition. If the parents are able to support the student and have placed the student in the home of another person primarily for the purpose of attending school in this Corporation without establishing legal guardianship as required by Indiana law, tuition will not be charged unless otherwise required by law.

- C. A child who is placed in foster care by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be admitted tuition free, without regard to residency, to a school within the Corporation, as selected by the State Department of Human Services or the child placing agency responsible for placement of that child.

- D. Foreign students participating in a foreign-exchange program approved by the Indiana State Board of Education and living with a resident host family will be admitted tuition free.

- E. The Corporation will provide a free education to those students who are considered by Federal law to be illegal aliens, if the student's parent or legal guardian has legal settlement within the Corporation, or considered to be homeless by criteria established by the State.

- F. Students who have completed the eleventh grade and have changed legal settlement to another school corporation may complete the twelfth grade in this Corporation.

- G. A married student living with a spouse or a married or unmarried emancipated minor is eligible to attend school without payment of tuition if the student resides in the Corporation.

H. Children of Divorced Parents

Children of divorced parents may attend school in this Corporation without the payment of tuition if one (1) parent resides in this Corporation and an election is made utilizing the "Custodial Statement and Agreement: Divorce, Separation, or Abandonment" form provided by the Indiana State Board of Education.

The parent with physical custody of the student or the student, if the student is at least eighteen (18) years of age, must notify the Superintendent of the school corporation in which the parents/student seek to have the student enrolled in their election to enroll the student in the Corporation. The election shall be made on a yearly basis and applies throughout the school year unless the student's parent no longer resides within the attendance area of the Corporation.

A student who has been expelled from another school corporation or who is expelled from a nonpublic school or withdraws from a public or a nonpublic school to avoid expulsion may be enrolled in the Corporation in compliance with I.C. 20-33-8-20 during the actual or proposed expulsion if:

1. the student's parent informs the Corporation of the student's expulsion or withdrawal to avoid expulsion;
2. the Corporation consents to the student's enrollment;
3. the student agrees to the terms and conditions of enrollment established by the Corporation.

Such students will not be charged unless otherwise required by law.

If a student's parent fails to inform the Corporation of the expulsion or withdrawal to avoid expulsion or the student fails to follow the terms and conditions established for enrollment, the Corporation may withdraw consent and prohibit the student's enrollment during the period of the actual or proposed expulsion. Before consent is withdrawn, the student must be given an opportunity for an informal meeting with the principal. At the informal meeting, the student is entitled to:

1. a written or verbal statement of the reasons for the withdrawal of consent;

2. a summary of the evidence against him/her;
3. an opportunity to explain his/her conduct.

I Nonresident students may be accepted into the Summer School Program provided by this Corporation.

Transfer Students

Students without legal settlement in the Corporation (hereafter referred to as "transfer students") will be enrolled in compliance with I.C. 20-26-11-32 and the following procedure:

- A. The Corporation will establish the number of transfer students that can be accepted in each building and grade level.
- B. The Corporation will establish a date by which requests to enroll a transfer student must be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. This date shall be submitted to the Indiana Department of Education and published on the Corporation Internet website.
- C. Pursuant to I.C. 20-26-11-6.5, and except as permitted by law for capacity, discipline, or attendance issues, the Corporation shall accept a transferring student who does not have legal settlement in the school corporation if:
 1. The student's parent is a current employee of the transferee school corporation with an annual salary of at least:
 - a. eight thousand dollars (\$8,000); or
 - b. three thousand dollars (\$3,000) earned due to being included as an employee in the extracurricular portion of the transferee school corporation's current collective bargaining agreement;
 2. the student's parent currently resides in Indiana; and
 3. the transferee school corporation has the capacity to accept the student.
- D. If the number of requests to transfer exceeds the capacity established by the Corporation, reduced by the number of transfers that will be given priority as described in paragraph (C) above, the students to be enrolled in each building and grade level shall be determined by a publicly verifiable random selection process in which each application submitted on or

before the date established by the Corporation pursuant to paragraph (A) above has an equal chance of being selected.

Pursuant to State law, a student's application to transfer to the Corporation may be denied if the student has been suspended for ten (10) or more school days, or suspended or expelled for possession of a firearm, deadly weapon, or a destructive device, causing physical injury to a person, a violation of the Corporation's drug or alcohol rules during the twelve (12) months preceding the student's request to transfer, or if the student has had a history of unexcused absences and the Corporation believes that, based upon the location of the student's residence, attendance would be a problem for the student if the student is enrolled with the Corporation.

For purposes of computing the number of days of suspension of the student requesting enrollment, student discipline received from a teacher pursuant to I.C. 20-33-8-25(b)(7) shall be included in the calculation of the number of school days that a student has been suspended.

Transportation will not be provided by the School Corporation for transfer students accepted for enrollment, unless the transfer student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in which transportation is required to be provided as a related service.

No transfer student shall be accepted for enrollment for athletic reasons.

Transfer students will not be charged unless otherwise required by law.

Residency of Students with Military Parents

Pursuant to IC 20-26-19 *et.seq.*, a student meets the residency requirements for enrollment in the Corporation if the parent of the student meets the following:

- (1) The parent is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation within Indiana while on active duty pursuant to an official military order.
- (2) The parent submits to the public school:
 - a. an application, as determined by the public school, for enrollment in the public school; and
 - b. documentation, as determined by the Indiana State Board of Education, regarding the transfer or pending transfer.
- (3) The parent intends to reside in the attendance area of the Corporation.

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