

CLOSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND CLOSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:22 specify that a free public education will be provided to any student between the ages of 5 and 20, and to certain students under 5 and over 20 as specified in other applicable law, who are:

- Domiciled in the district, i.e., living with a parent or guardian whose permanent home is located within the district. A home is permanent when the parent or guardian intends to return to it when absent and has no present intent of moving from it, notwithstanding the existence of homes or residences elsewhere.
- Living with a person, other than the parent or guardian, who is domiciled in the district and is supporting the student without compensation, as if the student were his or her own child, because the parent cannot support the child due to family or economic hardship.
- Living with a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent or guardian, where the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the reserve component of the U.S. armed forces and has been ordered into active military service in the U.S. armed forces in time of war or national emergency.
- Living with a parent or guardian who is temporarily residing in the district.
- The child of a parent or guardian who moves to another district as the result of being homeless.
- Placed in the home of a district resident by court order pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-2.
- The child of a parent or guardian who previously resided in the district but is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the United States reserves and has been ordered to active service in time of war or national emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3(b).
- Residing on federal property within the State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-7.7 et seq.

Note that the following do not affect a student's eligibility to enroll in school:

- Physical condition of housing or compliance with local housing ordinances or terms of lease.
- Immigration/visa status, except for students holding or seeking a visa (F-1) issued specifically for the purpose of limited study on a tuition basis in a United States public secondary school.
- Absence of a certified copy of birth certificate or other proof of a student's identity, although these must be provided within 30 days of initial enrollment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-25.1.
- Absence of student medical information, although actual attendance at school may be deferred as necessary in compliance with rules regarding immunization of students, N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq.
- Absence of a student's prior educational record, although the initial educational placement of the student may be subject to revision upon receipt of records or further assessment by the district.