

Berkeley USD

Board Policy

Admission

BP 5111

Students

The City of Berkeley is a community rich in its diversity. Diversity can be measured by the various racial, ethnic, economic, educational, and linguistic backgrounds of the population that inhabits the city. The Governing Board values our community and the rich diversity that students bring to our schools.

The Governing Board believes that every child residing in Berkeley has the right to attend a Berkeley public school regardless of socio-economic status, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, language, disability and sexual orientation. The Berkeley Unified School District offers a free public education to all the children of Berkeley and is committed to ensuring each and every school provides a quality education with equal and equitable opportunities for all students to be taught a strong core curriculum, participate in enriched learning experiences and receive resources that promote success for all students.

In order to ensure that Berkeley students have the best public school education opportunities available, the Superintendent or designee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that Berkeley residents are able to attend Berkeley Unified District Schools.

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to require families to provide proof of Berkeley residency before students are enrolled in Berkeley schools. Families shall submit proofs of Berkeley residency when they first enroll in Berkeley Unified School District, when transitioning from elementary school to middle school and from middle school to high school.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians about admissions requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain fair and equitable procedures which provide for the verification of the student's age, residency, and any other admissions requirements specified in law and in Board policies and administrative regulations.

All students enrolling either in a school in their attendance area or outside their attendance zone shall be subject to the timelines established by the Superintendent or designee. Nonresident students may apply for inter-district attendance in accordance with the timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46300 Computation of average daily attendance, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten

46600 Agreements for admission of students desiring interdistrict attendance

48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)

48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade

48010 Minimum age of admission (first grade)

48011 Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age

48050-48053 Nonresidents

48200 Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)

48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act

48850-48859 Educational placement of homeless and foster youth

49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

49408 Information of use in emergencies

49452.9 Health care coverage options and enrollment assistance

49700-49704 Education of children of military families

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

200 Promotion from kindergarten to first grade

201 Admission to high school

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11431-11435 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

Dear Colleague Letter, May 6, 2011

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

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