

**BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT #52**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Subject: School Admissions

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**POLICY**

The Board is committed to providing an educational program for all students living in the district. The Board believes all students living in the district who have not completed 12 years of education should regularly attend a public full-time school and be included in the available educational programs.

Students, who are five years old on or before September 1, will be admitted to Bethel's kindergarten program.

A child is considered to be six years of age if the sixth birthday of the child occurred on or before September 1 immediately preceding the beginning of the current school term.

All new students must register in the office. Students enrolled in the district shall comply with Oregon laws related to age, residence, health, attendance, and immunization.

Students located in the District shall not be excluded from admission solely because the student does not have a regular and adequate nighttime place of residence or solely because the student is not under the supervision of a parent/guardian.

Students located in the District shall not be excluded from admission where they are otherwise eligible, and they have not yet attained the age of 19 prior to the beginning of the current school year.

The District may admit an otherwise eligible person who is not receiving special education and who has not yet attained 21 years of age prior to the beginning of the current school year if the person is shown to be in need of additional education to receive a high school diploma or a modified diploma.

Students who attend a District school on an inter-district transfer, or were admitted prior to 2019 through open enrollment, are considered residents of the District.

Students living in the District who have attained the age of majority are considered residents of the District unless the student has transferred to another district via inter-district transfer or open enrollment.

Minor students living with a parent or guardian who resides in the District are considered residents of the District unless the student has transferred to another district via inter-district transfer or open enrollment.

Students who are in foster care<sup>1</sup> and who are placed in the District are residents of the district of origin, unless the court determines that attending in the district of residence is in the best interest of the student.

Students who are military children<sup>2</sup> are considered resident of the District, if the District is the district of military residence<sup>3</sup> for the military child. Parents of military students must provide proof of residency

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<sup>1</sup> "Foster care" does not mean care for children whose parent or guardian voluntarily placed the child outside the child's home with a public or private agency and for whom the child's parent or guardian retains legal guardianship.

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within 10 days after the date of military transfer or pending transfer indicated on the official military orders.

Students whose parent or guardian voluntarily placed the child outside the child’s home with a public or private agency and who is living in a licensed, certified or approved substitute care program, and whose residency is established pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.134.

**REPORTS**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

**END OF POLICY**

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**REFERENCES/COMMENTS**

[Bethel Administrative Rule JEC](#): School Admissions

[Bethel Policy JEB](#): Early Entrance

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 327.006](#)

[ORS 336.092](#)

[ORS 339.010](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 339.125](#)

[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 339.134](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)

[OAR 581-022-2220](#)

[Senate Bill 802 \(2019\)](#)

[Senate Bill 905 \(2019\)](#)

Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367 (2018).  
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Subtitle VII-B, reauthorized by Title IX-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431, 11434a (2012).

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<sup>2</sup> “Military child” means a child who is in a military family covered by the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, as determined under rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

<sup>3</sup> “School district of military residence” means the school district in which 1) the family of a military child intends to reside as the result of a military transfer; or 2) if the school district in which the family intends to reside is unknown, the school district in which the military installation identified in the official military order is located.