

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

In accordance with state law, all persons over 5 and under 21 years of age and all veterans (except dishonorably discharged veterans) who are residents of Newell School District will be eligible to attend the public schools free of charge, if they have not already received a high school diploma.

Upon registration, all new students will be required to present the following:

1. Proof of date of birth through a birth certificate or court affidavit in lieu of a birth certificate;
2. Record of immunizations and a health certificate from a licensed health care provider;
3. Proof of residency, if requested.

RESIDENT STUDENTS: The legal residence of a student, for the purpose of claiming free school privileges under the South Dakota Constitution, will mean the legal residence or domicile of the student's parents or legal guardian.

The parents or legal guardian may not establish residency in a district for the sole purpose of obtaining free schooling in that district. A child's school residence may not change during the school fiscal year unless the child ceases to be enrolled in the school of the district.

When a child is residing in a foster home on a permanent or temporary basis, the child has school residence in the district where the foster home is located.

NEW RESIDENT AND STUDENTS FROM UNACCREDITED SCHOOLS: Grade placement shall be the responsibility of the principal. In general, pupils transferring into the system from accredited schools will be placed in the same grade level as in the school from which they transferred.

A student of compulsory school age, that has been attending an unaccredited school or receiving alternate instruction and enrolls in the school district, shall be placed at the students demonstrated level of proficiency as established by one or more standardized tests. The student's initial placement may not be in a grade level higher than warranted by the student's chronological age assuming entry into the first grade at age six and annual advancement thereafter. After initial placement the student may advance according to his or her demonstrated performance.

High school credit will be accepted from high schools approved by the state department of education and/or regional accrediting agencies similar to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. A student, who has attended an unaccredited school or has been receiving alternate instruction and enrolls in the school district, shall be placed in English and Mathematics at the level of achievement demonstrated by one or two standardized tests. In all other subjects, the principal shall take the following into consideration: transcripts; general achievement; and mental, physical, emotional, and social maturity of the student before grade placement.

The student's initial placement may not be in a grade level higher than warranted by the student's chronological age assuming entry into the first grade at age six and annual advancement thereafter. After initial placement, the student may advance according to his or her demonstrated performance. A student must meet graduation requirements of the state and school district in order to graduate.

Legal Reference: SDCL 13-17-3.1; 13-27-1; 13-27-3; 13-27-29; 13-28-5; 13-28-7.1; 13-28-14; 13-28-21

Cross References:

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