

Priorities for Cross-Zone and Non-Resident Students

Cross-zone and non-resident students for whom an application is submitted prior to the first day of registration shall be admitted only when their presence does not cause the enrollment to reach the maximum established by the State of Tennessee and by the Cleveland Board of Education. If enrollment exceeds these numbers during the school year, the cross-zone and non-resident students will be excluded in the reverse order of acceptance. The only exception is that, in the interest of the welfare of the students, no student will be excluded after being enrolled for 120 days.

Cleveland City Schools
Grade Level Average

Tennessee Department of Education
Cluster Average

K - 3: 20 students
4 – 5: 25 students

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Children of full-time non-resident employees are exempt from tuition payment. If a tuition balance is due from a non-resident student from a previous year, the student will be excluded from future attendance. Excessive absences, tardiness, or behavior during a previous year enrollment of a cross-zoned or tuition student could result in application denial.

The school principal will make a decision concerning the availability of space for all applicants as soon as he/she is able to make an informed judgment.

PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE

All full-time employees shall be permitted to have their children attend the school in which they are employed.

Children of full-time employees who do not work in an elementary school will be allowed to attend the elementary school of choice on a space available basis.

Cross-zone 5th Grade students in the 2019-2020 school year
(Must have attended the school in 2018-2019)

Cross-zone 1st – 4th grade siblings of the 5th Grade Students in the 2019-2020 school year
(Must have attended the school in 2018-2019)

Cross-zone Children of certified personnel who reside in the city

Non-resident Children of certified employees

Cross-zone Children of full-time non-certified employees who reside in the city

- Non-resident Children of full-time non-certified employees
- Cross-zone Children of part-time employees
- Non-resident Children of part-time employees.
- Cross-zone Students with the greater number of years previously enrolled
- Cross-zone In years when rezoning is to become effective, those students living in the areas to be rezoned
- Cross-zone All other students based on random choice at beginning of school year
- Non-resident Students with the greater number of years previously enrolled.
- Non-resident In years when annexation is to become effective, those children living in the area to be annexed
- Non-resident Students whose parents own property within the city limits
- Non-resident All other students based on random choice at beginning of school year

RESOLUTION STEPS - for enrollment that exceeds state and local maximum

1. The administrator will confirm the addresses of all students.
2. A request for volunteers to transfer elsewhere will take place five days after enrollment exceeds state or local policy regulations.
3. Non-resident and cross-zone students will be removed in reverse priority order.
4. The administrator could appeal to AOB for relief by the following options:
 - a. Forced cross-zone
 - b. Creation of another section
5. The Director of Schools requests a waiver from the State Department of Education.