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| North Providence School Department Registration Policy | Approved: 4/26/2017 |
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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students legally entitled to attend North Providence Schools are registered in an expeditious manner, consistent with applicable law.

II. Residency

Residing in the District – It is presumed that a student shall attend school where the students’ parents/legal guardian maintain their residency. Except as provided by law or agreement, any school aged child shall be enrolled in the North Providence School Department, as long as their parent and/or legal guardian is a resident of North Providence. If one of the child's parent/guardian resides in a different city or town, the child shall be deemed to be a resident of the city or town in which the parent/guardian having actual custody of the child resides or based on an appropriate family court order.

Students living apart from their parents/legal guardian shall not be registered under this policy if the purpose of maintaining such residency in the Town is for the purpose of attending school in this District.

Homeless Students – Residency for School Purposes: Homeless students receive the protections of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This means that students defined as homeless under the Homeless Act may request to continue their education in the school District of origin, while under the protection of the Act.

Children Placed in Foster Care: Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 16-64-1.1 children placed in foster care are entitled to attend school in the District in which they reside.¹

¹Children placed in foster care also receive protections under the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. This federal law addresses the needs of these children for educational stability and continuity. Under this law, a foster child is entitled to remain in his/her original school, unless it is not in the child’s best interests. If remaining in the school of origin is determined by DCYF not to be in the best interests of the child, then the child must be allowed to enroll in the District where he/she resides with the foster family. A child’s “best interests” will be determined by DCYF after all relevant information about the child has been reviewed.

Completion of semester: Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 16-64-8, if a student changes residence prior to the end of the semester, the student shall be allowed to complete the semester in this District. If the student is a senior or has completed the junior year and is to enter the senior year, the student shall be allowed to complete the senior year in the District. Parents/Legal Guardians are responsible to notify the school department of any address changes even if the address change is still within North Providence.

CTE Out of District Requirements:

High School students who do not reside in North Providence may apply to be accepted into one of NPHS' Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways.

III. Residency Investigations

The North Providence School Committee allows the Superintendent/designee to conduct investigations from time to time to establish students' residency and take reasonable steps to establish homeless status or foster care placement.

IV. Development of Protocol

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop a protocol to facilitate this policy and to facilitate the efficient registration of students admitted to the District and the efficient disenrollment of students who are not legally entitled to remain in the District.

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