

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**POLICY**

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Use of Search Platforms to Confirm Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students

**5111.01 USE OF SEARCH PLATFORMS TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY OF  
RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT STUDENTS**

In accordance with Policy 5111 and Regulation 5111R, the Franklin Township Board of Education shall admit to its schools, free of charge, persons over five and under twenty years of age, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1, or such younger or older student as is otherwise entitled by law to a free public education.

The Board shall admit students eligible to attend school free of charge that are domiciled within the district as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.1.

The Board of Education may request and shall accept a combination of forms of documentation from persons attempting to demonstrate a student's eligibility for enrollment in the school district in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.4. The Board of Education shall consider the totality of information and documentation offered by an applicant, and shall not deny enrollment based on failure to provide a particular form or subset of documents without regard to other evidence presented.

Nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:22 et seq. and this Policy shall preclude the Board of Education from identifying through further investigation or periodic requests for revalidation of eligibility, students enrolled in the school district who may be ineligible for continued attendance due to error in initial assessment, changed circumstances, or newly discovered information.

The Board of Education may utilize an online search platform to search data bases and public records to follow up on information submitted by a person attempting to demonstrate a student's eligibility for enrollment in the school district. This may include the initial registration; revalidation of eligibility at times designated by the school district or at other times when information has been provided to the district which indicates that a student who is registered in the district is no longer eligible.

The sole purpose of this search platform is to aid in a student eligibility investigation conducted by the district Attendance Officer. Authorized users of the search platform will be designated by the Superintendent and must limit their use of the platform to assist in student eligibility investigations. All use must comply with any guidelines or agreements with the platform provider. Any unauthorized use of the platform will result in disciplinary action.

Nothing in this Policy shall limit the ability of a parent, guardian, adult student, or resident keeping an "affidavit student," from participating in any applicable Board of Education hearing or an

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applicant from filing an appeal with the Commissioner of Education regarding the eligibility of the student to attend schools in the district.

Adopted: