

Child Accounting - Homeless Questions

Enrolled in Approved Private School (APS)

1. Situation:

- Mother and child were residing in South Fayette SD; child was enrolled in Pace School (APS).
- Mother and child were displaced from their home that they own due to a flood. (Renovations are being done on their home.)
- Mother and child move to Chartiers Valley SD and are doubled-up with relatives.
- Mother and child then obtain their own accommodations in Chartiers Valley SD. They rent an apartment with a one year lease. (One year lease was the least amount of time they could get.)
- Mother and child plan to return to South Fayette SD after their one year lease expires. (Hopefully, the renovations on their home will be completed at that time.) Child is still enrolled in Pace School.

Question: Which school district is financially responsible for payment to the Approved Private School?

Answer:

- South Fayette SD is financially responsible for the period of time that the mother and child were doubled-up with relatives.
- Once the mother and child rented an apartment, they were no longer considered homeless.
- Chartiers Valley SD is financially responsible for payment to the Approved Private School for the period of time they lived in the apartment.

Enrolled in Charter School

1. Situation:

- Student was living with parents in District A and was enrolled in a charter school (brick and mortar or cyber).

- Parents were evicted from their apartment and move to District B and are doubled-up with relatives. Student continues to go to the charter school.

Question: Which school district is financially responsible to pay the charter school?

Answer: District B is financially responsible to pay the charter school because it is the school district in which the parents are living.

2. Situation:

- Student was living with parents in District A and was enrolled in a charter school (brick and mortar or cyber).
- Parents were displaced from their home that they own due to a flood.
- Parents and child move to District B and are living in a shelter. Student continues to be enrolled in the charter school.
- Parents and child plan to return to District A after renovations are completed.

Question: Which school district is financially responsible to pay the charter school?

Answer:

- A shelter is considered an institutionalized setting (Section 1306 School Code). The host school district shall send a PDE-4605 form to District A.
- District A should acknowledge residency based on the fact that they know the parents plan to return after renovations are completed. District A is financially responsible to pay the charter school.
- The host school district should inform the charter school that District A acknowledged residency. The charter school should report District A as the resident school district to Child Accounting.

3. Situation:

- Student was living with parents in District A and was enrolled in a charter school (brick and mortar or cyber).

- Parents were displaced from their apartment due to an eviction.
- Parents and child move to District B and are living in a shelter.

Question: Which school district is financially responsible to pay the charter school?

Answer:

- A shelter is considered an institutionalized setting (Section 1306 School Code). The host school district (*school district where shelter is located*) shall send a PDE-4605 form to District A.
- District A should acknowledge/disclaim residency based on the facts known to them. If District A disclaims residency, the charter school should report the student as “Section 1306 School Code – Institutionalized Ward of the State” and list the school district where the shelter is located.
- The school district where the shelter is located is the school district that is financially responsible to pay the charter school. (*The school district where the shelter is located will receive “Tuition for Orphan’s Subsidy” from the state.*)

Note: If District A acknowledges residency, then District A is financially responsible to pay the charter school.

Enrolled in School District

1. Situation:

- Father was permanently housed in Hazleton Area SD.
- Father became homeless in Hazleton Area SD and was living in a tent.
- Child was placed in an institutionalized setting (Section 1306 School Code) located in another school district.

Question: Is Hazleton Area SD financially responsible to acknowledge residency?

Answer: No. Hazleton Area SD should disclaim the PDE-4605. Section 13-1308 of the School Code states that it is the school district of residence that is financially responsible. (*The fact that the father is living in a tent does not make him an established resident of Hazleton Area SD.*)