

ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District (the “District”) shall provide a public education to all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one who are domiciled within the District, have not received a high school diploma and are entitled to attend school. If such persons reside in the district, they may attend without payment of tuition. A child who reaches the age of five on or before December 1 of a given school year is eligible for admission into kindergarten.

A child may be admitted to first grade provided that one of the following has been completed:

- the child has been in attendance for one year at a regularly established private or public kindergarten,
- has successfully passed a readiness test (the purpose of which is to evaluate the previous education of the child);
- a child who is six years old and has never attended school and appears for registration, will be given a readiness test for school and placed at an instructional level comparable with his ability level. The decision of the administration will be final.

The Lindenhurst screening system for all new entrants shall consist of:

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| 1. visual examination | 2. communication development tasks |
| 3. hearing examination | 4. social-emotional development |
| 5. gross motor development | 6. immunization adequacy |
| 7. fine motor development | 8. scoliosis examination |
| 9. concepts development tasks | 10. physical examination |

Upon registration, all new students shall be required to present:

1. proof of date of birth (i.e. birth certificate, passport, baptismal record)
2. record of immunizations and a health certificate from a licensed physician, or health care provider
3. proof of residency.

A student, who after the school year begins, no longer resides within the geographic boundaries of the Lindenhurst School District, unless admitted as a nonresident (policy 5152), must leave the district no later than the end of the semester in which he/she becomes a nonresident. A high school senior who is eligible to graduate during the school year in which they became a nonresident and wishes to complete the 12th grade, upon written request to the Superintendent will be permitted to continue, however, transportation will not be provided. If special circumstances are thought to exist, an individual parent may write an appeal to the Superintendent.

A child is presumed to be a resident of the school district in which his or her parents reside. Children living with non-parents who are residents of Lindenhurst may be admitted to school if one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. Evidence of legal guardianship.
2. Emancipated minor.
3. Foster children placed by the Department of Social Services.
4. The person with whom pupils are residing exercise parental control by showing evidence of: notarized form from custodial parents accepting responsibility for the students; and notarized form from the parents relinquishing responsibility to the custodial parents. The document must show that there is a complete, permanent transfer of care, custody and control of children.
5. Unaccompanied youth. (living without supervision of parent or legal guardian)

Prior to a student entering the 6th grade, the District will mail home a residency package to be filled out and returned to the District prior to the beginning of school. If the District does not receive the package back there will be a presumption that the child is no longer a resident of the District.

A veteran of any age who has not yet received his/her high school diploma and who has been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable is eligible to attend school.

A non-veteran under twenty-one years of age who has received a high school diploma shall be permitted to attend school or BOCES upon payment of tuition.

At its annual reorganization meeting, the Board of Education shall appoint a Student Residency Officer (SRO) who shall act as the Board's designee for the purposes of rendering student residence determinations.

Cross-ref: Student Health, 5420
Homeless Children, 5151
Admission of Non-Resident Students, 5152

Ref: Education Law §§903; 904; 3202; 3208
Public Health Law §2164
Commissioner of Education Regulations 100.2(Y)

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