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## **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPDSB) to provide educational services to non-resident pupils, provided sufficient space is available in schools, and provided the operating and capital costs associated with providing such services are expected to be recovered in full.

## **Definition of Non-Resident Pupil**

For the purposes of this policy, a “**non-resident pupil**” is defined as a person who attends a school operated by the Board but who is not qualified to be a resident pupil as defined in the Ontario Education Act. Non-resident pupils generally fall into one (1) or more of the following three (3) groups:

- First Nation Pupils residing on reserve whose attendance is provided for in an education services (tuition) agreement between the Board and a First Nation;
- Canadians whose permanent residence is in a province other than Ontario; and/or
- International students whose permanent residence is outside of Canada.

## **Rationale**

The Education Act, and Regulations, grant School Boards a level of authority and flexibility in establishing policy with respect to the admission of, and fees chargeable to, non-resident pupils.

The Keewatin-Patricia District School Board welcomes the opportunity to provide educational services to non-resident pupils in order to:

1. Help students complete their graduation requirements (K-12) by connecting and bridging the services provided by both the Federal and Provincial jurisdictions, such as for Federally supported schools which may not offer programming up to grade 12;

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2. Increased diversity in the student body which can lead to increased understanding and appreciation of different cultures, religions, and races;
3. Enlarge the student body, enabling an increase in range of programs that can be offered for all students;
4. Increase the quality of educational programs for all students; and
5. Increase the viability of smaller schools as a result of additional enrollments of non-resident pupils.

The Board also recognizes the agreements between its predecessor Boards and the Federal Government may contain certain obligations to provide educational services to non-resident pupils who are now the responsibility of First Nations and/or their Education Authorities.

### **Guidelines**

Rarely, in exceptional circumstances, services for non-resident pupils may not be provided should the KPDSB be unable to provide the resources necessary or should the cost to a sponsoring organization be prohibitive. It remains the intent of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board to make partnerships work in order to provide services to requesting non-resident pupils.