The Sugar-Salem Board of Trustees allows students to attend in the district if the student, parents, or guardians determine this is in the student’s best interest. It is responsibility of the Board to ensure that the district’s educational program is delivered to resident students without compromise before accepting non-resident students.

Non-resident students may be permitted to enroll in Sugar-Salem schools after completing the District’s yearly application and meeting all admission requirements. Furthermore, non-resident students will be accepted only if their admission would not create or enlarge an existing hardship to the district or its students and staff. The fact that a student is admitted one year does not guarantee he or she will be admitted in following years.

Parents/Guardians of non-resident enrollee applicants will be notified within sixty days of acceptance or rejection of their application. All rejected applications will be afforded reasons for denial.

Reasons for rejection of an application will not include previous academic achievement, athletic or other extra-curricular ability, disabling conditions, or proficiency in the English language.

Qualifying factors for admission of non-resident students:

The maximum number of students who may enroll in the district's facilities without causing hardship on the district, its teachers, students, and administrative staff is as follows:

Admission of non-resident students in excess of the following student/teacher ratio would work as a hardship on the district, its teachers, staff, students, and educational programs and will not be allowed.

PK by invitation only

Kin 20:1

1st 22:1

2nd 24:1

3rd 26:1

4-6 28:1

7-8 30:1

9-12 30:1

LEP/ESL 25:1

IEP 18:1

As the district IEP (Individualized Education Program) program is full, non-resident students who are on an IEP, who have been on an IEP within the last 18 months, or who may be required to be on an IEP may not be admitted.

As the district LEP/ESL (Limited English Proficiency/English as a Second Language program) program is full, non-resident students who are classified as either LEP, LEP X1, or LEP X2 may not be admitted.

Non-resident students who are presently, or have ever been, suspended or expelled in their home district may be denied attendance.

Non-resident students who have ever been suspended or expelled must describe the circumstances, dates, and duration in their application. The information will be reviewed by the superintendent, principal, and special services director (as needed) to determine whether the non-resident student will be admitted.

Students with histories of discipline infractions or a history of poor attendance may be denied attendance.

Students, or their parents or guardians, who disrupt, in any way, the educational process of the school district may be denied attendance.

Siblings of non-resident attendees, who apply to attend in Sugar-Salem School District, will be given priority over non-resident applicants with no siblings already in the district.

Non-resident applicants will be required to adhere to all district policies.

Those who provide untruthful or inadequate information may be denied attendance immediately upon receipt of such information.