

**Resident and Nonresident Attendance**

The Bethany Board of Education allows any child of school age who is a resident of the town of Bethany, as defined by statute, to attend the Bethany Community School. By Connecticut statute, the town of Bethany is required to provide school accommodations to students who are permanent residents of Bethany. The Board will accept the military orders of a child of the armed forces as proof of residency.

Residency must be permanent, provided without pay, and not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations. The burden of proof in determining student residency shall be on the party claiming residency.

The Superintendent will establish administrative regulations regarding attendance eligibility of resident and non-resident students.

Legal References:      Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-176e through 4-185  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-186  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-253  
                                 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.  
                                 Public Act 21-86

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