

Missoula County Public Schools
Students 3121

Enrollment and Attendance Records

Since accurate enrollment and attendance records are essential both to obtain state financial reimbursement and to fulfill the District's responsibilities under the attendance laws, staff shall be diligent in maintaining such records.

A district may only include, for ANB purposes, an enrolled pupil who is:

- a resident of the district or a nonresident student admitted by trustees under a student attendance agreement and who is attending a school of the district;
- unable to attend school due to a medical reason certified by a medical doctor and receiving individualized educational services supervised by the district, at district expense, at a home or facility that does not offer an educational program;
- unable to attend school due to the student's incarceration in a facility, other than a youth detention center, and who is receiving individualized educational services supervised by the district, at district expense, at a home or facility that does not offer an educational program;
- Living with a caretaker relative under § 1-1-215, MCA;
- receiving special education and related services, other than day treatment, under a placement by the trustees at a private nonsectarian school or private program if the pupil's services are provided at the district's expense under an approved individual education plan supervised by the district;
- participating in the Running Start Program at district expense under 20-9-706, MCA;
- receiving education services, provided by the district, using appropriately licenses district staff at a private residential program or private residential facility licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services;
- enrolled in an educational program or course provided at district expense using electronic or offsite delivery methods, including but not limited to tutoring, distance learning programs, online programs, and technology delivered learning programs, while attending a school of the district or any other nonsectarian offsite instructional setting with the approval of the trustees of the district, or;
- a resident of the district attending a Montana job corps program under an interlocal agreement with the district under 20-9-707, MCA.

A student enrolled in a program intended to provide fewer than 180 aggregate hours of pupil instruction per school year may not be included for purposes of ANB, unless the student has demonstrated proficiency in the content ordinarily covered by the instruction as determined by the Board using district assessments. In the event that the student may be included under this part, the ANB of that student must be converted to an hourly equivalent based on the hours of instruction ordinarily provided for the content over which the student has demonstrated proficiency.

In order for a student who is served through distance learning or offsite delivery methods to be included in the calculation of average number belonging, the pupil must meet the residency requirements for that district; live in the district and must be eligible for educational services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or under 29 U.S.C. 794; or attend school in the district under a mandatory attendance agreement as provided in 20-9-707, MCA.

Legal Reference:

20-9-311, MCA	Calculation of Average Number Belonging (ANB)
20-9-706, MCA	Running Start Program
20-9-707, MCA	Agreement with accredited Montana job corps program
§ 1-1-215, MCA	Residence – rules for determining
29 U.S.C. 794	Nondiscrimination under Federal grants and programs
34 CFR 300.1,	et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Policy History:

First Reading at PN&P Committee meeting on September 28, 2005

First Reading, February 14, 2006

Posted for Public Input until Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Second Reading at PN&P Committee meeting on April 26, 2006

Adopted on: May 9, 2006

Revisions presented to PN&P Committee on June 27, 2007

Approved on: July 10, 2007

Revised at PN&P committee on June 26, 2013 and posted for public comment.

Approved on: August 13, 2013