

SUBTITLE 7. RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "AT-RISK YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS AT LEAST TWO OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND AN OPERATOR THAT MAY INCLUDE:

(1) BEING ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS;

(2) A RECORD OF SUSPENSIONS, OFFICE REFERRALS, OR CHRONIC TRUANCY;

(3) A FAILURE TO ACHIEVE A PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED LEVEL ON STATE ASSESSMENTS IN READING OR MATHEMATICS, OR BOTH;

(4) HAVING A DISABILITY;

~~(4)~~ (5) A REFERRAL FROM A TEACHER, COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, OR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE ORGANIZATION;

~~(5)~~ (6) THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS A SINGLE PARENT;

~~(6)~~ (7) THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A CUSTODIAL PARENT;

~~(7)~~ (8) THE ADJUSTED GROSS FAMILY INCOME IS BELOW THE FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED POVERTY GUIDELINES;

~~(8)~~ (9) THE FAMILY RECEIVES TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM; OR

~~(9)~~ (10) A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HAS BEEN INCARCERATED.

(C) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(D) "OPERATOR" MEANS A PRIVATE NONPROFIT OR PUBLIC ENTITY THAT DEVELOPS AND OPERATES A PROGRAM.

(E) "PROGRAM" MEANS A RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES:

(1) A REMEDIAL CURRICULUM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES;

(2) A COLLEGE-PREPARATORY CURRICULUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADES;

(3) EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ATHLETICS AND CULTURAL EVENTS;

(4) COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELING;

(5) HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;