

Cards for Kids Act

The Cards for Kids Act became law in Illinois June 5, 2020. The law was put in place during the pandemic and will most likely end after the pandemic ends. The law states that non-resident students, whose household incomes fall at or below the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Income Eligibility Guidelines, cannot be charged fees for non-resident library cards. Library Boards still retain their authority to regulate the terms and conditions of their non-resident card program but can no longer charge a fee to non-resident students who fall at or below the USDA guidelines.

Elmhurst has two unincorporated areas where residents must purchase library cards. This law would apply to households in those areas, who have students in D205 and where those households fall at or below the USDA guidelines.

I am proposing that we work with representatives from D205 to identify students who would qualify for the Cards for Kids Act. The approximate number of students who fall into this category is low as compared to the general population. I will provide more details at the meeting.

Therefore be it resolved that staff is authorized to work with D205 to identify kids who would qualify for a library card under the Cards for Kids Act.