

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Students whose parents do not reside in the **Vidalia City School District** may enroll in the **Vidalia City Schools** subject to the following conditions:

1. A student seeking enrollment may not have pending any disciplinary proceeding in the school where the student was previously enrolled and must otherwise be in good standing with the school the student last attended. Students who have withdrawn from a previous school district to avoid disciplinary action or who are under suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action in a previous district may not enroll in the Vidalia City School System.
2. The admission of an out of district student is for only the school year during which the student is seeking enrollment. A nonresident student must apply each year for admission and must meet the qualifications for admission each time the student applies. The student's behavior and academic achievement will be reviewed by the principal upon application for continued enrollment in order to determine if the student is eligible for enrollment for the following school year.
3. Space must be available in the class and school in which the nonresident student seeks to enroll. A student may not be permitted to enroll if that student's placement would require the school district, under existing state law or State Board rules, to employ additional staff.
4. Nonresident students will be required to pay an annual tuition, the amount of which will be determined by the Vidalia City Board of Education from time to time. Tuition must be paid timely; the failure to keep tuition payments current may result in the student being withdrawn by the school system.
5. A nonresident student is admitted conditioned upon the student's good behavior and willingness to perform the required academic assignments. Any violation of the student discipline code by a nonresident student may result in the revocation of the student's privilege to attend Vidalia City Schools. The admission of out of district students and the continued enrollment of such students is a privilege and not a right. The principal and superintendent may make decisions regarding revocation of this privilege without resort to a student disciplinary tribunal. There is no appeal beyond the decision of the superintendent.
6. The Vidalia City School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in determining the admission of students who reside outside the City of Vidalia. Decision as to whether a student with disability has met all the requirements for enrollment will be made by either a Student Support Team or an IEP Team, as may be appropriate.

STATE REFERENCE: Georgia Board of Education JBCBA (160-5-1-.09)
STATE STANDARDS: D 1.1(1g)(1h); D1.2(1b)
LEGAL REFERENCE: O.C.G.A. 20-2-133, 20-2-150, 20-2-160(a), 20-2-168(d)
GEORGIA LEGAL REFERENCE MANUAL: JCB

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS (*Administrative Procedure*)

The residence of the student's parent or legal guardian with whom the student lives determines a student's residence for school attendance. It is not determined by whether or not property is owned within the city or whether taxes are paid to the City of Vidalia by the parents or guardian. Married or emancipated students who reside outside the city limits will be considered as tuition paying, non-resident students even if parents are city residents.

Each non-resident tuition student must make application to attend Vidalia City Schools and receive written approval from the school to which the student is applying.

Non-resident students may be accepted as tuition paying students in the Vidalia schools under the following conditions:

1. Admission is subject to review of all educational records.
2. An interview with the parent and student will be a part of the application process. The principal or his/her designee will conduct the interview.
3. Tuition should be paid to the school where the child will attend. Each school will begin receiving tuition payments during regular business hours on the first day of pre-planning each year. Tuition should be paid in full on or before the last day of pre-planning. No prorated tuition refunds will be given for those students who move out of the city during the school term.

Non-payment of tuition fees, late payment, or returned checks are grounds for revocation of tuition status. Tuition is non-refundable. Tuition for the children of system employees who work more than one-half time and are eligible for local and state benefits shall be waived for as long as such employment continues.

4. The amount of tuition is set by the Vidalia City Board of Education
5. Tax credits are allowed for non-resident students whose parents pay school taxes to the City of Vidalia. Tuition may be partially or fully paid by presenting a City of Vidalia Ad Valorem Tax Receipt from the proceeding year. The school tax portion of the bill will be deducted from tuition.
6. Subject to other qualifications for non-resident students, students who are residents of nations other than the United States who reside with a family who is a resident of Vidalia may be admitted without payment of tuition under recognized foreign student exchange programs.

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 - a. Students who live with a parent outside the city limits whose other parent resides inside the city limits, and both parents have joint custody will not pay tuition. Proof of guardianship and custody must be provided to the school. Proof of both parents residency must be submitted.
 - b. If a student's custodial parents or parent reside outside the city limits, and they desire their child/children to attend Vidalia City Schools as a resident(s), legal custody of the student(s) must be transferred to a person residing inside the city limits of Vidalia. Custodian must provide proof of the child's residency to the school system at the time the child is enrolled.
 - c. If during the school year it comes to the school's attention that guardianship has been misrepresented in order to avoid tuition and that the child attending actually resides outside the city, tuition will become due immediately, or the child will be withdrawn. At this point the child will fall under the admission criteria for nonresident students.
8. In the judgment of the school administrative team:
 - The applicant must have a history of satisfactory behavior based on student discipline.
 - The applicant must demonstrate average or above academic achievement through a review of educational records and/or standardized test scores.
 - The applicant must have a history of acceptable school attendance based on school records. Excessive tardiness will also be considered.
 - The Vidalia City School System does not discriminate against any student based upon disability.
9. Before accepting a non-resident applicant, the principal and superintendent will consider the following factors:
 - a. The Vidalia City School System currently has an instructional program that will meet the educational, physical, and emotional needs of the student.
 - b. The school system must be able to:
 1. Accommodate the applicant without placing undue financial burden on the school system.
 2. Accommodate the applicant without experiencing overcrowding in classes that the student would be assigned.

10. Resident students are charged no tuition. However, any student whose parents move their residence from inside the city limits after the school term begins will be required to make application for admission as a non-resident. It is the parents' responsibility to notify the principal's office immediately when residency or guardianship changes. If the student is accepted as a non-resident, tuition will be based on the date of the change of residence. If a student attends as a non-resident student any day during the month, tuition must be paid for that semester.

11. The principal of each school has the right to revoke the tuition status of any non-resident student based on any of the following reasons:

- a. Inappropriate behavior or poor disciplinary record
- b. Tardiness to school or poor attendance record
- c. Unsatisfactory academic performance
- d. Timeliness of tuition payments
- e. Attempts to circumvent the policy and procedures of the school system
- f. Any other good and sufficient reason

A review will be conducted annually on continued enrollment status. Notification of discontinued enrollment status will be made by June 30 of each year.

Vidalia City Schools

301 Adams Street

Vidalia, Georgia 30474



Non-Resident Enrollment Contract

Academic Year: _____

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

School: _____

Special Services required by the applicant (ESOL, Special Education, Title I, other): ____



TUITION FEES

The undersigned agrees to pay tuition fees as designated by the Board of Education. Students may be withdrawn if payment is not received. The obligation to pay tuition is unconditional.

Criteria for Accepting Non-Resident (Tuition) Students

Each non-resident tuition student must make application to attend Vidalia City Schools and receive written approval from the principal and/or the superintendent.

1. Admission is subject to review of all educational records.
2. An interview with the parent and student will be a part of the application process. The principal or his/her designee will conduct the interview.
3. Payment of tuition, as set by the Board of Education, is \$200.00 per student.
4. Tuition should be paid to the school where the child will attend. Each school will begin receiving tuition payments during regular business hours on the first day of pre-planning each year. Tuition should be paid in full on or before the last day of pre-planning. No prorated tuition refunds will be given for those students who move out of the city during the school term.

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5. Subject to other qualification for non-resident students, students who are residents of nations other than the United States who reside with a family who is a resident of Vidalia may be admitted without payment of tuition under recognized foreign student exchange programs.
6. In the judgment of the school administrative team:
 - a. The applicant must have a history of satisfactory behavior based on student discipline records.
 - b. The applicant must demonstrate average or above academic achievement through a review of educational records and/or standardized test scores.
 - c. The applicant must have a history of acceptable school attendance based on school records. Excessive tardiness will also be considered.
 - d. The Vidalia City School System does not discriminate against any student based upon disability.

Vidalia City Schools reserve the right to place students in classes judged solely by the school system to be the most appropriate placement. Non-resident students are subject to suspension, expulsion, or revocation of their tuition status if they violate the terms of this contract or violate school systems rules. Specific criteria have been established by the Board of Education for non-resident students. This Enrollment Contract may be revoked and the student dismissed in accordance with any and all

Vidalia City Schools policies and procedures. Students and parents should review the Student Handbook for their schools.

Vidalia City Schools does not provide transportation for tuition students. The parent/guardian is responsible for their child's transportation to and from school.

Any attempt to circumvent this policy by the student or parent may result in withdrawal of the student from the Vidalia City Schools. Payment of delinquent fees will be expected even if the student is withdrawn by the school system. Failure to report a change of residence or guardianship at the beginning of the school term or during the school term may result in mandatory withdrawal.

A student's residence for school attendance is determined by the residence of the student's parent or legal guardian with whom the student lives. It is not determined by whether or not property is owned within the city or whether taxes are paid to the City of Vidalia by the parents or guardian. Married or emancipated students who reside outside the city limits will be considered as tuition paying, non-resident students even if parents are city residents.

Non-resident students may be accepted as tuition paying students in the Vidalia schools under the following conditions:

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 - c. If during the school year it comes to the school's attention that guardianship has been misrepresented in order to avoid tuition and that the child attending actually resides outside the city, tuition will become due immediately, or the child will be withdrawn. At this point the child will fall under the admission criteria for non-resident students.

- d. If during the school year a student withdraws from the Vidalia City Schools, no refund will be given.
3. Before accepting a non-resident applicant, the principal and superintendent will consider the following factors:
 - a. The Vidalia City Schools must have as a part of its instructional program services which will meet the educational, physical, and emotional needs of the student.
 - b. Additionally, the school system must be able to:
 - Accommodate the applicant without placing undue financial burden on the school system.
 - Accommodate the applicant without experiencing overcrowding in classes that the student would be assigned.
 4. Resident students are charged no tuition. However, any student whose parents move their residence from inside the city limits after the school term begins will be required to make application for admission as a non-resident. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the principal's office immediately when residency or guardianship changes. If the student is accepted as a non-resident, tuition will be based on the date of the change of residence. If a student attends as a non-resident student any day during the month, tuition must be paid for that semester.
 5. The principal of each school has the right to revoke the tuition status of any non-resident student based on any of the following reasons:
 - a. Inappropriate behavior or poor disciplinary record
 - b. Tardiness to school or poor attendance record
 - c. Unsatisfactory academic performance
 - d. Timeliness of tuition payments
 - e. Attempts to circumvent the policy and procedures of the school system
 - f. Any other good and sufficient reason

Students must maintain academic, attendance, and disciplinary standards as established by the school. Failure to do so will result in immediate dismissal. At minimum an annual review will be conducted on academic, attendance, and disciplinary records to determine continued enrollment. Notification of discontinued enrollment status will be made by June 30 of each year.

The superintendent reserves the right to refuse admittance to any applicant if accepting the student would not be in the best interest of the Vidalia City School System.

I have read and understand the enrollment contract and agree to the stated conditions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Middle School or High School Student

Date

Signature of Principal

Date