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Attendance of Non-Resident Students

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Students residing outside the boundaries of the school system may attend schools within the school system on the following conditions:

1. There must be available room and teaching capacity according to applicable law, however in no case will out of District students be accepted if it will cause the District to incur expense above the federal, state and local funds available for teaching positions. In addition, if student capacity prevents effective instruction the school principal may bring the out of district requests before the Board on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the out of district student(s) will be allowed to enroll. 4
2. Written approval of the director of schools is required.1
3. Non-resident students must pay a tuition fee established annually by the Board as follows:

Out of District / In State - Tuition may be charged to students residing outside the county but within the State of Tennessee. Tuition charged may not exceed per student, per annum, an amount equal to the amount of funds actually used for school purposes by the school system, divided by the number of students in average daily attendance during the preceding school year minus any funds received from the state or from the student's resident system.2 A child of a school system employee residing outside of the school district, but in state, may attend a school within the school system at no tuition charge.

Out of District / Out of State- Tuition shall be charged to students who are not living in the State of Tennessee, at the same rate as the average cost per student in the school system; however, a child of a teacher residing outside the state may attend a school within the school system where the nonresident teacher is employed at no tuition charge.

4. Non-resident students must make application at least two weeks prior to the first day of school. After two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of school and thereafter during the remainder of the school year, students wishing to transfer into the system must also have the approval of the sending system.1
5. When accepted at a specific school, enrollment at that school will be guaranteed until the student leaves the last grade in that school. During this period of time, brothers and sisters will be assured of enrollment at the same school.
6. Students who become residents of the school system will be refunded any unused portion of the tuition on a pro-rata basis.
7. When payment is not made on all or any part of the required tuition for a previous year, the student(s) shall be excluded from future attendance until all prior and current tuition is paid.

8. Transportation of any non-resident student is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
9. If a parent of a student teaches outside the school system of the parent's residency, the student shall be allowed to attend such school system, provided that both are Tennessee residents and the appropriate tuition requirements are met.³

SCHOOL SYSTEM REPORTING GUIDELINES

1. It shall be the responsibility of the school principal or his/her designee to notify the school system attendance officer and EIS contact on the day of enrollment of any out of district student.
2. The attendance officer shall verify the out-of-district status of the student. Upon verification, the attendance officer shall have the parent/guardian sign an agreement for out-of-district tuition to be charged for the attendance of the student.
3. The attendance officer shall notify the EIS contact as to the approved enrollment status of the student so they can be properly coded in the EIS attendance software. Out of district / in state students generate funding for the school system and shall be coded accordingly. Out of district / out of state students do not generate funding for the school system and shall be coded accordingly.
4. The attendance officer shall collect tuition from students and remit to the finance office.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-3104; TCA 49-6-3105;
TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(11)(f-i)
2. TCA 49-6-3003; TCA 49-6-403(f)
3. TCA 49-6-3108
4. TCA 49-6-3113; TCA 49-6-3103

Cross Reference:

Foreign Exchange Students 6.502