

NONRESIDENT ADMISSION
Admission of Nonresident Students

1. Parents of any nonresident student wishing for their child to attend Rappahannock County Public Schools must seek approval in writing for nonresident student attendance on an annual basis to the Division Superintendent or his designee. The Superintendent or his designee shall make a written recommendation after considering all relevant factors, including, but not limited to scholastic, discipline, behavior, and attendance records; program request, class size, and time of school year. It is the policy and practice of the Rappahannock County School Board that each request for nonresident student admission will be considered on its merits and a determination made without regard to race, creed, gender, or disability.
2. An annual tuition fee shall be paid per child per semester for each nonresident student enrolled in the Rappahannock County Schools. Such tuition fee shall be paid within five (5) working days prior to the beginning of each semester; otherwise, the student will not be allowed to enroll. Students paying the tuition fees shall be assured of completing the current school year, unless excluded for other reasons. No refunds will be provided beyond thirty days after the start of the semester.
3. A student who begins the school year as a bona fide resident of Rappahannock County but whose residency changes during the course of the school year shall be allowed to finish only the current semester at no charge, absent extraordinary circumstance. A student who begins his/her senior year as a bona fide resident of Rappahannock County, but whose residency changes, shall be allowed to finish the entire school year at no charge.
4. Employees of Rappahannock County Public Schools and Rappahannock County Government Offices, who are nonresidents of the county, may enroll their children in county schools without paying tuition as long as such enrollment creates no significant disruption to the operations of the school division. Such nonresident employees' children may attend the county school where the class size best allows for enrollment. An application (JECB F-1) must be completed prior to enrollment.
5. Non-resident employees who work in Rappahannock County for 30 or more hours per week may apply for a tuition waiver (JECB F-1) to enroll their children in Rappahannock County Public Schools.
6. Non-residents who own land and/or property in Rappahannock County may apply for a tuition waiver (JECB F-1) to enroll their children in Rappahannock County Public Schools

7. Bona fide exchange students may attend the school without paying tuition.
8. Tuition is calculated annually by taking the total “county funds” in the current budget, subtracting state, federal and other funds, capital outlay, debt service, transportation, and the local share of special education. The result is then divided by the projected ADM. Actual additional costs for students accepted for Mountain Vista Governor’s School or for students identified for Special Education (IEP)/related services or Section 504 plan will be assessed.
9. Prior to admission, an Application for Admission of Non-Resident Student Form (JECB-F1) must be completed.

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