

Alcoa City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Attendance of Non-Resident Students	Descriptor Code: 6.204	Issued Date: 08/15/17
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1 A pupil under eighteen (18) years of age shall be considered a resident only if his/her parents are
2 domiciled within the City of Alcoa. Domicile shall be defined as your "true home - the place where you
3 reside daily; to be inherently present where you exist."

4 In other circumstances, legal residence in the City of Alcoa will be determined as follows:

- 5 1. If the parents are separated with no final decree of divorce, the pupil is a legal resident only if
6 he/she resides with a parent who is domiciled in Alcoa City.
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- 8 2. If the parents are divorced and legal custody of the pupil is awarded to one of the parents, then
9 the pupil is a legal resident only if the custodial parent and child are domiciled in Alcoa City.
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- 11 3. If the parents are divorced and joint custody of a pupil is awarded, then the pupil is a legal
12 resident only if the pupil resides more than 50% of the time with a parent who is domiciled in
13 Alcoa City.
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- 15 4. If a court places a pupil in the legal custody of an individual who is domiciled in Alcoa City,
16 then the pupil will be considered a resident and must also be domiciled in Alcoa City.

17 Under extenuating circumstances in which the intent of custody has been indicated, the director of
18 schools may rule a pupil to be a resident.

19 Anyone who gives fraudulent information regarding residency for the purpose of school enrollment
20 shall be liable for restitution to the school district according to Part 30 of TCA 49-6-3003.

21 Alcoa City Schools will use all resources available to them to assist them in determining if enrolled
22 students reside in the City of Alcoa, including proof of residency, utility bills, real estate records and
23 home visits.

24 Students residing outside the boundaries of the school system may attend schools within the school
25 system under the following conditions:

- 26 1. They must be approved by the director of schools.¹
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- 28 2. That said attendance will not cause that class or the grade level grouping in that school to
29 exceed the maximum allowable enrollment set by the Tennessee Department of Education.
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- 31 3. That said attendance will not cause the school to create specific program availability.
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- 1 4. They must pay a tuition fee established annually by the Board.²
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- 3 5. Non-resident students must make application during pre-enrollment in the spring of each year.
- 4 After two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of school and thereafter during the remainder of the
- 5 school year, students wishing to transfer into the system must be in good standing in behavior,
- 6 attendance, and academics from previous system.³
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- 8 6. If a tuition pupil withdraws from Alcoa City Schools during the school year or becomes a
- 9 resident, a proportionate refund shall be made for the remaining period covered by tuition
- 10 payment. The tuition for a nonresident pupil who moves into the school district during the first
- 11 grading period of the school year will be charged a prorated fee.
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- 13 7. When payment is not made on all or any part of the required tuition for a previous year, the
- 14 student(s) shall be excluded from future attendance until all prior and current tuition is paid.
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- 16 8. Tuition shall be payable by contract, in advance, on an annual or semester basis. With approval
- 17 of the superintendent, an alternate payment schedule may be utilized; however, any such
- 18 schedule must provide for payment at least a month in advance.
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- 20 9. There shall be no obligation for the Alcoa City School System to provide transportation for
- 21 non- resident pupils.
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- 23 10. Children of non-resident Alcoa City employees selected for attendance will be charged one-half
- 24 of the non-resident tuition.⁴
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- 26 11. Resident pupils whose parents move from the city during the school year but wish to remain
- 27 enrolled during the remainder of the school year shall pay proportionate tuition charges for
- 28 attendance and must meet the requirements of tuition students.

29 The school system shall have the right to reject the application of any student who has failed to
30 demonstrate a satisfactory academic and attendance record, and who does not exhibit good citizenship
31 qualities. Students expelled or suspended from other schools shall not be accepted without prior
32 written approval by the director of schools. A tuition student who in the judgment of the principal fails
33 to maintain these standards will be removed from Alcoa City Schools.

34 Tuition students will be allowed to attend Alcoa City Schools based on the following priority:

- 35 1. Children of non-residents who are employed by Alcoa City Schools
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- 37 2. Children of non-residents with evidence of strong academic achievement
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- 39 3. Children of non-residents that add "value to the culture" of Alcoa City Schools
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- 41 4. Children of non-residents with siblings currently in system
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- 43 5. Children of non-residents who work for the City of Alcoa
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1 6. Children of non-residents who own property in the City of Alcoa

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3 7. Children of non-residents

4 Each school will maintain a "non-resident tuition" list of all students who apply and meet the eligibility
5 requirements for non-resident students. Date of receipt of application is not a selection priority criteria.

6 In the event that tuition numbers need to be reduced in order to remain within our enrollment capacity,
7 the following criteria will be used, in the order listed, to reduce the numbers to an acceptable level:

8 1. Non-resident students who have a documented history of attendance or disciplinary issues.

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10 2. Non-resident students who have not made satisfactory academic growth.

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12 3. The last non-resident student to enroll.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3104;
TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(11)(f)—(i)
2. TCA 49-6-3003; TCA 49-6-403(f)
3. TCA 49-6-3105
4. TCA 49-6-3113; TCA 49-6-3103

Cross References

Foreign Exchange Students 6.502