

Kingsport City Schools

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1 Parents or legal guardians who reside outside the boundaries of the Kingsport City Schools may make
2 application to the Superintendent of Schools to enroll their child(ren) as tuition students. The Superin-
3 tendent or designee shall review each application by taking into consideration applicable law and the
4 impact on the school system. Tuition students not guaranteed admission may be accepted if space is
5 available.

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7 Parents or legal guardians must apply annually for their child's tuition status and tuition students shall be
8 assigned to schools on an annual basis. The application and assignment of a student who has previously
9 attended a school in the Kingsport City Schools shall be considered before new tuition applications and
10 assignment to a particular school or grade. Applications must be received before the commencement of
11 the academic year in accordance with the schedule published by the Superintendent. Applications for
12 tuition status during an academic year may be approved on the condition that the applicant substantiates
13 extenuating circumstances (such as a change of residence).

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15 Any pupil seeking admission as a tuition student must, if enrolled at a school during the previous year,
16 be eligible to re-enroll at that school without restriction. The criteria for admission to the Kingsport City
17 Schools are: (a) space must be available, (b) appropriate programs must be available, (c) the student
18 must have a good attendance and discipline record, (d) the student must have a satisfactory academic
19 record, and (e) the student must be in good financial standing regarding payment of any owed KCS fees.
20 Kingsport City Schools welcome tuition students and their families who are serious about their educa-
21 tion and who wish to apply themselves in a positive manner. Tuition students who have attendance,
22 disciplinary, or academic problems may be placed on probation, dismissed from school and/or may not
23 be readmitted in the following school year. Students suspended or expelled from other school systems
24 will not be admitted without prior approval by the Superintendent.

25 26 **GUARANTEED ADMISSION**

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28 A student whose parent (1) teaches at a school within the Kingsport City Schools and (2) resides outside
29 the System boundaries is guaranteed acceptance as a tuition student at the school at which the parent
30 teaches (provided that the school represents an educationally appropriate placement). Applications under
31 guaranteed admission are subject to all applicable regulations, requirements and procedures.

32 33 **ADMISSIONS PRIORITY**

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35 The Superintendent shall grant first-priority status to tuition and out-of-zone applications for children of
36 Kingsport City Schools' employees (and retirees) and City of Kingsport employees.

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38 After placement of system and city employees' children, the priority order in which tuition (and out-of-
39 zone) students will be admitted are as follows:
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- 1 Priority One: Out-of-zone students who were enrolled the previous year
 2 Priority Two: Siblings of currently enrolled out-of-zone students
 3 Priority Three: New out-of-zone students
 4 Priority Four: Tuition students who were enrolled the previous year
 5 Priority Five: Siblings of currently enrolled tuition students
 6 Priority Six: New tuition students

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8 Should overcrowding occur after the opening of school, caused by in-zone children, students will be
 9 transferred out of the school in the reverse order based on date of admission.

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11 FEES

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13 Fees shall be assessed for tuition students at a rate to be determined by the Board. Failure to pay tuition
 14 charges shall disqualify a student's application for the next year. The Superintendent may require pre-
 15 payment of fees for non-compliance with the payment schedule.

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17 Kingsport City employees and City of Kingsport employees who live in Sullivan County and have
 18 tuition students in the school system will pay one-half (1/2) the tuition rate charged for Sullivan
 19 County residents. Kingsport City Schools employees and the City of Kingsport employees who live
 20 outside of Sullivan County and have tuition students in the school system will pay only the Sullivan
 21 County tuition rate regardless of the county of residence.

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23 The Superintendent is authorized to develop administrative procedures to waive tuition charges for a
 24 period, not to exceed two months, for circumstances that the Superintendent determines to be in the best
 25 interest of the student and/or school system.

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27 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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29 Tuition students may participate in school activities (for which they are eligible) to the same extent as
 30 in-System students. Out-of-System students who are not enrolled in Kingsport City Schools but who
 31 intend to apply for enrollment as a tuition student may not participate in school- sponsored activities
 32 (including try-outs, spring/summer practice sessions, etc.). The Superintendent shall establish and
 33 manage procedures to pre-enroll such students whose applications have been approved.

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35 TRANSPORTATION

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37 KCS does not provide transportation to students who are accepted as tuition students.

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42 Reference:
 43 TCA 49-1-104
 44 TCA 49-6-3113
 45 TCA 49-6-3003

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Cross Reference:
 Attendance Zones 1.703
 Attendance 6.200
 Code of Conduct 6.300
 Homeless Students 6.503
 Migrant Students 6.504
 Student Records 6.600