

The Pierce County Board of Education does hereby require a tuition fee for non-resident students.

Residence requirements for school attendance eligibility are set forth in policy JBCA. The following rules shall apply to students whose custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) are not residents of Pierce County.

1. Students of employees of the Pierce County Board of Education shall be granted admission to the Pierce County Schools without payment of tuition.
2. Whenever a family moves out of Pierce County after the school year begins, the student may complete the grading period at the Pierce County School he/she has been attending if parents provide transportation. Such students may continue to attend Pierce County Schools beyond the grading period by paying tuition.
3. If a non-resident owns property in Pierce County and has a child enrolled in Pierce County, the amount of school property taxes paid by that non-resident will then be credited against tuition.
4. A non-resident tuition student must submit an application to enroll as a tuition student. The board and/or Superintendent shall review each application individually on a case-by-case basis and have the right to refuse admittance.
5. The following rules shall apply to the cases in which custodial parents or guardians do not reside in Pierce County and wish to pay tuition for their child to attend a Pierce County School.

a. Tuition enrollment application deadline dates will be **July 1** for **1st** semester and **Dec. 1** for **2nd** semester each school year.

b. Tuition applicants will not be permitted free choice of schools. Schools will be assigned by the Superintendent's office based on available classroom space and other relevant factors. The enrollment of non-resident students must not cause or result in the need for additional staff.

c. The tuition shall be set by the Board of Education on an annual basis and may not exceed the maximum amount allowed by law. Tuition payments must be paid to the Pierce County Board of Education on a semester basis and must be at least one week prior to the beginning of each semester. Full tuition will be refunded if a student never attends class and the refund is requested within the first ten days of school. Students who withdraw from school after the semester begins will receive no refund of tuition fees.

d. Parents must provide transportation to and from school for their student(s).

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- e. The Board of Education reserves the right to revoke a tuition student's permission to attend a Pierce County School if the student should become a discipline or truancy problem. Such revocation would be acted on by the Superintendent/designee on the recommendation of the principal without convening a disciplinary tribunal. 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 Pierce County School System.
 - f. The parent or guardian of the non-resident student seeking to enroll with a school in the District must provide the applicable school with all the documents and information required of resident students by applicable Board policies, State law and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. These include the following:
 - The Transcript (report card & standardized test scores) from the students former school
 - Discipline records from student's former school
 - Attendance Record from student's former school
6. The Board authorizes the Superintendent's office to develop application procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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