

Unless provided otherwise in this policy, tuition will be charged to students admitted under board policy 4130, Discretionary Admission, if the students (1) are not domiciled in the State or (2) are domiciled in the State and residing outside of the school system boundaries. Tuition may not exceed the local per pupil allocation for current expense as provided by the board of commissioners. The tuition rate will be determined annually by the board of education no later than August 1.

Tuition may be waived if the student meets one of the following criteria:

1. the student is admitted to the school system pursuant to an agreement between this board and another board of education, and the agreement specifies that the payment of tuition by the student will not be required;
2. the student resides on a military base within North Carolina;
3. the student demonstrates extraordinary financial hardship;
4. the student is a nonresident whose parents will move into the school administrative unit on or before December 1, and the student is assigned at the beginning of the school year to the school serving the student's future domicile.
5. the student was domiciled within the school administrative unit at the beginning of the school year and remains enrolled in the school system for the duration of the school year after moving into another school administrative unit during the school year; or
6. the student's parent(s) are employed by the school system.

In addition, no tuition will be charged to:

1. students residing on military bases within North Carolina where federal funds designed to compensate for the impact on public schools of military dependent students are provided to the school system in an amount not less than 50 percent of the total per capita cost for education, exclusive of capital outlay and debt service; or
2. students who are domiciliaries of the State and who reside within the school administrative unit. However, the board may enter an agreement with the board of education of the student's domicile for payment of tuition by that board.

Tuition may be paid in full at the central office between July 1 and August 1 or in two equal installments at the beginning of each semester. If one half of the annual tuition is not paid prior to the commencement of the first semester, the student shall not be enrolled. If the remainder of the tuition is not paid prior to the commencement of the second semester, the parents of the pupil shall be notified that they have 10 days to pay the required amount. If it is not paid within 10 days, the student shall be excluded from school. No waiver of tuition is permitted except as required by applicable law. If a student desires to enroll after the beginning of second semester of any school year, only half of the applicable fee is to be assessed, and that fee must be paid prior to the enrollment.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-366, -366.1

Cross References: Discretionary Admission (policy 4130)

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