

Missoula County Public Schools  
Students 3141

Non-Resident Students - Tuition

Students living outside of Missoula County Public Schools' elementary or secondary boundaries may be considered for attendance as provided by law. Non-residents will be required to submit a Student Attendance Agreement to the District Business Office in accordance with time lines established by law which state the parent or guardian must apply to the District for attendance prior to enrolling the student. Tuition will be charged as authorized by law. When the resident District is not mandated to pay the tuition according to law or chooses not to do so, the parent or guardian must agree to pay the tuition.

Out-of-district resident students will be admitted according to the following guidelines:

- on a year-by-year basis and provided that all previously-owed charges are paid;
- as space is available, both in terms of pupil/teacher ratios and facilities;
- except as provided by law, parent/guardian/student is responsible for transportation;
- an intake meeting is held to establish expectations for attendance, behavior and academic performance and a written agreement is established as to the responsibilities of the student/parent/guardian and the school;
- a tuition payment agreement is in place;

The student:

- is in good standing with the most recently attended school, in terms of academics, conduct, and attendance;
- has correctly completed the nonresident student application process; and
- presents no other educationally related detriment to the students of the District.

The Superintendent is authorized to approve admission for an out of district student, and the Board must ratify that decision at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Every student who attends the District as a nonresident student must re-apply for admission by June 15. Admission for one school year does not imply or guarantee admission in subsequent years.

Students placed in the District under a mandatory placement, as defined by Section 20-5-321, MCA, will be approved for attendance; however, tuition will be charged to the District of residence.

In cases where an out-of-District parent or guardian owns property in the District and elects to enroll a student in Missoula County Public Schools, tuition will be reduced pursuant to state law, for taxes paid by the parent or guardian in support of the appropriate District during the previous year.

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