

Tuition will be charged to students admitted under board policy 4130, if the student (1) is not domiciled in the State or (2) is domiciled in the State and residing outside of the school district. Tuition rates may be modified. G.S. 115C-366.1 (c) requires that tuition be determined by the board each August 1 prior to the beginning of a new school year.

Tuition fees are as follows:

- \$600 per year for any student who is not a domiciliary of the State of North Carolina;
- \$300 per year for any student who is a domiciliary of the State of North Carolina but whose domicile is outside of Surry County;
- \$200 per year for a student who is a domiciliary of Surry County but whose domicile is outside the Elkin City Schools administrative unit;
- \$300 per year for any student who resides on a military or naval reservation within the State of North Carolina and who is not domiciled within the State of North Carolina, provided that no such student will be charged tuition if federal funds designed to compensate for the impact on public schools of military dependent students are provided to the Elkin City Schools administrative unit in an amount not less than 50% of the total per capita cost of education in North Carolina, exclusive of capital outlay and debt service, for elementary or secondary pupils of the Elkin City Schools administrative unit.;

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

1. A student who is admitted to the school district pursuant to an agreement between this board and another board of education, where the agreement specifies that the payment of tuition by the individual will not be required.
2. A student who resides on a military base within North Carolina.
3. A student who demonstrates extraordinary financial hardship.
4. Nonresident students of the school district 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. A 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.
6. Students whose parent(s) are employed by the school district.

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

Tuition will not be charged to students who are domiciliaries of the State and who reside in the school district. G.S. 115C-366.1 states the board is not required to admit students who reside in its administrative unit but who are not also domiciled there; however, if the board admits such students under policy 4130, Discretionary Admission, the board may not charge those students tuition. 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.

The superintendent shall determine, in accordance with applicable law, the domicile and residence of each student desiring to attend the Elkin City Schools.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-366 to -366.2

Cross References: Discretionary Admission (policy 4130)

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