

Tuition Students

(companion policy to Eligibility of Resident/ Non-Resident Students #5118)

The Wilson Board of Education shall operate the schools of this District for the benefit of children resident in the District who are eligible for attendance.

A child shall be considered a resident of the Wilson Area School District if either his/her parents or the legal guardians of his/her person reside in the District. If a child's parents or legal guardians are divorced or separated, she/he will be allowed to attend District schools if his/ her custodial parent or legal guardian resides in the District and she/he domiciles with the custodial parent or legal guardian. In the event of equally split joint custody and evenly split joint domicile, the court order will specify which district shall be the district of residence for schooling purposes.

A resident shall be defined as one having lodging and an actual physical presence in the District. The child shall be defined as being domiciled with a resident parent or guardian if the child returns to the home at the conclusion of the school day and sleeps in that home exclusively, including weekends and vacations. The Superintendent shall have the power to require proof of residency by a sworn statement and /or to authorize the Home-School Visitor to confirm residency and / or domicile.

In the event of joint custody and shared domicile as a result of divorce, the resident domicile will be determined on greater percentage of time. In the event of equally shared domicile, the District will follow the determination of "district of residence for schooling purposes" commonly made by the judicial decree.

Students who typically request admission and who may be admitted on a tuition basis are as follows:

1. Former Resident Seniors -- those whose parents move out of the district after the school year has begun and who wish to graduate with their class. Application must be made to the district superintendent through the building principal.
2. Former Resident Underclassmen -- those whose parents move out of the district during the school year. Application must be made to the district superintendent through the building principal.
3. Other Non-Residents -- students whose parents prefer the educational program or climate of this district over the district of residence. application must be made to the district superintendent through the building principal.

Students who typically request admission and who may be admitted on a tuition-free basis include:

1. **Temporary Non-Residents.** -- students whose parents were residents but who are forced to temporarily reside outside the district due to the sale/purchase of a domicile. Such students may remain in the district for up to three months on a tuition-free basis provided proof of purchase of a domicile within the district is presented with the application. Application must be made to the district superintendent through the building principal.

2. **Incoming Residents** -- students whose parents have purchased a domicile or are building a primary residence in the district but face delayed occupancy. Such students may start the school year on a tuition-free basis provided the delay is anticipated to be no more than three months, and provided proof of purchase of a domicile within the district is provided. Application must be made to the district superintendent through the building principal.

Procedures

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the enrollment of nonresident children (on either a tuition or tuition-free basis) which :

1. admit such children only on the proper application of the parent or guardian.
2. do not exclude any child, otherwise eligible, on the basis of such child's race, creed, color, national origin, religion, or ancestry.
3. verify claims of residency (both initially and periodically) through driver's license, voter registration, vehicle registration, per capita tax receipt, earned income tax receipt, utility bills, check stubs from wages, public assistance, or social security.
4. make continued enrollment of any nonresident student contingent upon maintaining good standard of citizenship, discipline, and compliance with all district and building policy and procedures
5. take into account building and class enrollments.

The Superintendent shall notify the Board of the admission of qualified nonresident students:

Non-resident students who apply for admission as tuition students who are found to have previously violated the residency requirements may either (a) be denied

admission ; or (b) be allowed to enter as a tuition student provided all back tuition is immediately remitted to the district.

Non-resident students who deceive the district will be charged for theft of services. The District will pursue and back charge for tuition for up to five years following a student's graduation.

The District shall not be responsible for transporting to or from school any non-resident student.

Tuition Rates/ Payment

Tuition rates shall be determined in accordance with statute. The tuition to be charged shall be computed by the Business Manager in accordance with the requirements of Section 2561 of the School Code. Tuition will be paid by semester in advance, with final adjustment being billed in July and paid within 10 days.

Regular education students will be billed according to the rate determined by the PA. Dept. of Education. Special education or other special needs students will be billed the full cost of their education, evaluation, and related services, including but not limited to special materials, devices, or facilities; additional accommodations; and a pro-rated cost of school psychologist, counselor, or any other support or administrative personnel.