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5140 – TUITION STUDENTS

The Pequannock Board of Education will assess and charge tuition for nonresident pupils attending the high school Academies. The Academies are four-year high school courses of study that incorporate curriculum, programs and linked learning opportunities using an interdisciplinary approach. Admission to the Academies shall be limited to those students who have applied and successfully been admitted to the program. Nonresident accepted students shall be admitted if space is available after all accepted resident applicants are admitted.

Tuition shall not exceed the district's actual cost per student. The term "actual cost per student" for determining the tuition rate or rates for a given year means the local cost per student in average daily enrollment, based upon audited expenditures for that year for the purpose for which the tuition rate is being determined and consistent with the grade/program categories for regular education classes in grades nine through 12; and special class programs.

The "average daily enrollment," for the purpose of determining the "actual cost per student," means the sum of the days present and absent of all students enrolled in the register or registers of the program for which the rate is being determined during the year divided by the number of days school was actually in session, but in no event shall the divisor be less than 180 days. The district shall obtain certification of its "actual cost per student" for each tuition category for a given year from the Commissioner.

The business administrator/board secretary shall assess a tentative tuition amount not in excess of the estimated cost per student, according to the procedures detailed in law (N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1f). The board shall annually approve the calculated tuition rate for the Academies. The business administrator/board secretary shall be responsible for the collection of tuition.

As space is available, the Pequannock School District may establish written contractual agreements with other public school districts to send students to the Academies.

The sending district shall be required in the contractual agreement to pay ten (10) percent of the tentative tuition charge no later than the first of each month from September through June of the contract year. Adjustments will be made in accordance with law (N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1f).

The board may admit other nonresident students who are eligible to receive a public school education in New Jersey on a tuition basis. The tuition shall not exceed the estimated actual cost per student.

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The executive county superintendent in the county in which the receiving district is located shall be consulted to mediate disputes that arise from the determination of tentative tuition charges. Such a review shall include examination of the following documents—(N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)5):

- A. Annual budgets including supporting documents;
- B. Application for State School Aid (ASSA) reports;
- C. School register summary reports;
- D. Tuition contracts; and
- E. Any other information deemed necessary.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-8	Duty to receive pupils from other districts
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-19	Tuition of pupils attending schools in other district
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-21	Tuition (disabled)
N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1	Method of determining tuition rates for regular public schools