

Laurel School District #7 & 7-70

STUDENTS

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy

1. Except as required by § 20-5-321, MCA, the District will admit nonresident students at its discretion.
2. The Superintendent will make recommendation to the Board annually regarding tuition rates and to seek authorization to approve out-of-district applications for each upcoming school year.
3. The District will examine a student’s records from this district and other school districts before any Board approval for admission. Review of the records and decisions regarding admission cannot be inconsistent with district policies regarding nondiscrimination.
4. Every nonresident student, including high school students living in the unified district (Laurel Elementary and Joliet High School) who attends District schools must reapply for admission for the succeeding school year by June 15. Admission in one school year does not infer or guarantee admission in subsequent years. Those who apply for admission after June 15 will be assessed an additional \$50.00 in tuition per student, and are subject to a waiting period for processing and approval based on staff availability and enrollment numbers. Applications will not be taken after January 15th for enrollment in the current school year.
5. The District will not admit nonresident students when doing so would cause the district to exceed the class size standards under 10.55.712 and 10.55.713, ARM.
6. All resident students who become nonresidents because their parents or guardians move out of the District may continue attendance for the semester, barring registration in another District. At the completion of the semester a student must apply as a nonresident student in accordance with #5.
7. The administration of the tuition procedures applying to nonresident students of the school district shall be in accordance and compliance with Montana law.

Nonresident Student Tuition (Per Year)

Elementary K-6	50% of maximum allowed by law
High School 7-12	50% of maximum allowed by law
Kinder Boost Students Only	25% of maximum allowed by law

One-half (1/2) of the tuition amount owed must be paid prior to the first day of each semester or upon enrollment whichever is earlier in a given semester. Failure to pay the required tuition amount will result in the student not being allowed to attend classes until the tuition is paid for the semester. Tuition not paid after 5 school days will result in the student being unenrolled from the Laurel School District. Superintendent discretion may be used in extenuating circumstances. High school students living in the unified district (Laurel Elementary and Joliet High School) will have tuition waived.

10. All nonresident students will be considered ineligible transportees for school transportation services (§ 20-10-101, MCA).
11. The district reserves the right to terminate an out-of-district agreement and send a student back to home district before the start of the next quarter. Student grades, attendance, and behavior will factor into this decision. Parents will be notified prior to the end of the school semester.
12. The district reserves the right to terminate an out-of-district agreement and send a student back to home district immediately if enrollment in the district is based on fraudulent information or changes in living circumstances are not disclosed in a timely manner.
13. The Board will not admit any student who is expelled from another school district.
14. Nonresident students enrolled under this policy are subject to all district policies, rules, regulations on the same basis as resident students.

Cross Reference: Policy 2161 – 2161P Special Education
 Policy 3110 Entrance, Placement, and Transfer
 Policy 3125 Education of Homeless Children
 Policy 3210 Equal Education, Nondiscrimination and Sex Equity

Legal Reference: § 20-5-314, MCA Reciprocal attendance agreement with adjoining state or province
 § 20-5-320, MCA Attendance with discretionary approval
 § 20-5-321, MCA Attendance with mandatory approval – tuition and transportation
 § 20-5-322, MCA Residency determination – notification – appeal for attendance agreement
 § 20-5-323, MCA Tuition and transportation rates
 10.10.301B, ARM Out-of-District Attendance Agreements
 10.55.712, ARM Class Size Elementary
 10.55.713, ARM Teacher Load and Class Size – High School

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