

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Attendance of Non-Resident Students</h2>	Descriptor Code: 6.204	Issued Date: 08/14/23
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Students residing outside the boundaries of the school system may attend schools within the school system under the following conditions:

1. Their enrollment does not cause overcrowding (determined annually from BEP ratios), split classes, or additional staffing in the chosen school and must be approved by the director of schools and/or principals.¹
2. They must pay a tuition fee (cost per family, not per student) established by the Board. Tuition may not exceed per student, per annum, an amount equal to the amount of funds actually used for school purposes by the school system per student during the preceding school year minus any funds received from the state or from the student's resident system.²
3. Full tuition must be paid *prior to enrollment*.
4. When an LEA has created a regional school with a specific focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), a student transferring to the LEA will be followed by the local basic education program (BEP) school funds. No tuition may be charged by the receiving LEA.
5. Students who become residents of the school system will be returned any unused portion of the tuition on a pro-rate basis.
6. If an in-county student moves outside the county during the school year, they must immediately pay the prorated share of the established out of county tuition to continue to attend Houston County Schools.
7. Those employed by the Houston County School District but live outside the county, shall be allowed to enroll their children in grades K-12 in the school system without cost of tuition.³
8. To access Houston County educational services, out of county students must provide their own transportation.
9. Attendance may be denied at any time by the director of schools with a recommendation from the school principal, if the student does not adhere to the school and/or school system's rules and regulations, enrollment causes overcrowding (determined annually from BEP ratios), split classes, or additional staffing or false information was provided to the school system prior to enrollment.

Attendance of non-resident students must comply with all applicable State laws and regulations of the state board of education.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-3104; TCA 49-6-3105; TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(11)(f-i)
2. TCA 49-6-3003; TCA 49-6-403 (f)
3. TCA 49-6-3113; TCA 49-6-3103

Cross Reference:

Foreign Exchange Students 6.502