

Descriptor Term: NON-RESIDENT (OUT-OF-DISTRICT) TUITION

Descriptor Code: JBCC

Rescinds:

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Parents or a guardian living within Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties may petition the Gulfport School District for an out-of-district transfer for their child to attend the Gulfport School District through a tuition process. All transfers granted through the tuition process shall be at the sole discretion of the District.

Petitioners Residing Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gulfport

Petitioners will be required to provide proof of residency satisfactory to the District demonstrating they reside within the corporate limits of the City of Gulfport.

Petitioners Residing Outside the Corporate Limits of the City of Gulfport

Petitioners will be required to provide proof of residency satisfactory to the District demonstrating they reside in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties. Other county's residents may apply on a case-by-case basis.

Students residing within the corporate limits of the City of Gulfport will have priority in the acceptance process by the District. Any tuition student attending the District shall have priority in the acceptance process to continue as a tuition student so long as the student continues to meet all qualifications. All tuition students shall be required annually to obtain a release from his/her resident school district satisfactory to the Gulfport School District. Tuition for non-resident (out-of-district) students shall be established by the Board of Trustees on or before May 1, of each school year. Tuition must be paid in full before paperwork and school placement will be processed by the Gulfport School District and the student admitted. Tuition is nonrefundable.

Any non-resident (out-of-district) students accepted through the Gulfport School District tuition process will be assigned to school(s) at the sole discretion of the District. Students accepted through the tuition process are required to provide their own transportation. Students accepted through the tuition process are required to comply with Mississippi High School Activities Association, Inc. guidelines concerning extracurricular participation. Tuition students will be required to demonstrate behavior acceptable to the District at all times. Any unacceptable behavior will result in the termination of the student's tuition status and the student's return to his or her home school district.

The Gulfport School District reserves the right to deny any petition or revoke the tuition status of any transfer student, for any reason, including but not limited to, the following:

- Overcrowding in classrooms,

- Behavior of the student,
- Excessive absences,
- Excessive tardies/late pickups, and
- Excessive additional costs to the District.