



Carroll County Public Schools

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TO: Parents / Legal Guardian

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RE: Application to Enroll Non-Resident Out-of-County Pupils for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Board of Education recognizes as its first responsibility the education of school aged children who are bona fide residents of Carroll County. Only such bona fide residents are eligible to enroll in Carroll County Public Schools tuition free.

A bona fide resident is a child that actually lives within Carroll County with a parent or other person who has legal custody or legal guardianship of the child documented by a signed court order.

Under certain conditions, a non-resident child may be eligible to attend school in Carroll County with or without tuition based on the guidelines established in these regulations. A determination of non-resident eligibility will be made by the student services staff on a case-by-case basis. The tuition charge for the 2025-2026 school year is \$9,591 for Maryland residents and \$17,684 for out-of-state residents.

1. Tuition free eligibility
 - a. Moving into Carroll County
 - b. Moving out of Carroll County
 - c. Temporarily living outside of Carroll County
 - d. Seeking guardianship (cannot be for school purposes)
 - e. Family Hardship (cannot be for school purposes)
2. Tuition based eligibility
 - a. Carroll County Public School employee (.6 to 1.0 F.T.E.)
 - b. Parent/Legal Guardian is employed in Carroll County
 - c. Child attends a licensed daycare program in Carroll County

Code of Maryland regulations §7-101.3 states, "if a child fraudulently attends a public school in a county where the child is not domiciled with the child's parent or guardian, the child's parent or guardian shall be subject to a penalty payable to the county for the pro-rated share of tuition for the time the child fraudulently attends a public school in the county." Furthermore, the parent/guardian is subject to prosecution for felony theft.

Requests to enroll a non-resident pupil should be made on the attached application and should be sent to Carroll County Public Schools, Student Services Department, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Non-resident pupils will not be permitted to enroll or attend school until approved.

Non-Resident Student Application

General Information

I am applying for the child named below to attend a Carroll County Public School for the _____ school year.

Full Name of Child: _____ Requested School: _____

Gender (circle one): M F Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Last School Attended (Name and Address): _____

Name of Applicant _____

What is your relation to the child? (circle one) PARENT LEGAL GUARDIAN FOSTER PARENT OTHER: _____
(specify relationship) _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home/ Work / Other Phone: _____

Name of Parent (If not applicant): _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work / Other Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Parent (If not applicant): _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work / Other Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Reason for Request (check appropriate section and provide information as indicated) Additional reasons on Page 2

Moving: Parent/legal guardian is moving into, out of, or living temporarily outside of Carroll County up to 45 school days.

Address where you shall reside? _____ Date of Move: _____

Applicant must submit one of the following with this application: a signed contract on a home, a signed builder's letter, or a signed residential lease, including the following: Name, Address of Property, and Settlement Date

Guardianship: Applicant is a bona fide county resident seeking legal court-appointed guardianship of the child. It is the practice of Carroll County Public Schools to deny entry if the guardianship change is due to the parent's desire to have the child educated in a preferred school system/ environment. Applicant must submit a copy of guardianship paperwork filed with the court-including case number and a letter of representation from an attorney verifying the pending guardianship change (if applicable). Must also submit a Power of Attorney document.

What is the reason for the guardianship change? _____

Family Hardship: This application process is to be used only if the child does not qualify for kinship care.

Applicant is caring for a non-resident child because of a documented serious family hardship (death, serious illness, drug addiction, incarceration, abandonment and/or assignment to active military duty of the parent/ legal guardian) which prevents the parent/ legal guardian from caring for the child.

Applicant must attach documentation/written statement regarding the nature of the hardship

Contact information for authorities, agencies or individuals who can verify the family hardship claim:

NAME

AGENCY / TITLE

PHONE NUMBER

