

Regulation Code: 4135-R Tuition for Discretionary Admissions

Unless otherwise stated in this policy, tuition will be charged to students admitted under Board Policy 4130 (Discretionary Admission) if they (1) are not domiciled in the State of North Carolina or (2) are domiciled in the State but reside outside the boundaries of the Craven County Schools district. Tuition may not exceed the local per-pupil allocation for current expenses as established by the Craven County Board of Commissioners. The tuition rate will be determined annually by the Board of Education no later than August 1.

In accordance with Board Policy 4130, tuition payment is required upon a student's acceptance by the Craven County Board of Education. At least fifty percent (50%) of the total tuition must be paid either before the first day of the academic year or upon official notification of acceptance—whichever occurs first. The remaining balance must be paid no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the acceptance date.

Payment should be remitted to:

Craven County Schools
3600 Trent Road
New Bern NC, 28562

Pursuant to [G.S. 115C-366](#) and in accordance with Craven County Schools Board Policies 4130 (Discretionary Admission and Assignment) and 4135-R (Tuition for Non-Domiciled Students), Craven County Schools reserves the right to assign a non-domiciled student to a school other than the one requested by the parent or legal guardian. Such assignments shall be based on, but not limited to, school enrollment capacity, availability of instructional programs, staffing levels, and transportation logistics.

If the requested school is at or over capacity, or if other operational factors so warrant, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the appropriate school placement. This authority is exercised to ensure compliance with applicable laws, to promote efficient district operations, and to support equitable access to educational opportunities.

A. Tuition may be waived if a student meets one of the following criteria:

1. the student is admitted to the school system pursuant to an agreement between this board and another board of education, and the agreement specifies that the payment of tuition by the student will not be required.
2. the student resides on a military base within North Carolina.
3. the student demonstrates extraordinary financial hardship.
4. the student is a nonresident whose parents will move into the school administrative unit on or before December 1, and the student is assigned at the beginning of the school year to the school serving the student's future domicile.
5. the student was domiciled within the school administrative unit at the beginning of the school year and remains enrolled in the school system for the duration of the school year after moving into another school administrative unit during the school year; or
6. the student's parent(s) are employed by the school system.

B. Tuition Waiver Process (after first 20 days)

1. Submit in writing a request to have the tuition fees waived to the Director of Student Services when submitting the Discretionary Admission application (4130).
2. Indicate which tuition waiver criteria applies for waiver consideration.

3. Provide any supporting details or information to be considered and presented to the Superintendent.
4. Included on the written request the name of the student, and if the request is for multiple children, please indicate each their names on the request and the Craven County School(s) the students are requesting to attend.

In addition, no tuition will be charged to:

1. students residing on military bases within North Carolina where federal funds designed to compensate for the impact on public schools of military dependent students are provided to the school system in an amount not less than 50 percent of the total per capita cost for education, exclusive of capital outlay and debt service; ¹or
2. students who are domiciliary of the State and who reside within the school administrative unit.² However, the board may enter an agreement with the board of education of the student's domicile for payment of tuition by that board.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-366](#), [-366.1](#)

Cross References: Discretionary Admission (policy 4130)

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Footnotes

1. [G.S. 115C-366.1](#) prohibits tuition charges in this circumstance.
2. This is a legal standard. See [G.S. 115C-366.1](#). The board is not required to admit students who reside in its administrative unit but who are not also domiciled there; however, if the board admits such students under policy [4130](#), Discretionary Admission, the board may not charge those students tuition.