

**PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Policy**

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**ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS – OTHER THAN OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Tuition-Free Status

Any student who physically resides in the District for a purpose other than school attendance may be considered a resident student and may be eligible for tuition-free admission to the District's schools.

A child of nonresident parent(s) whose care, custody and support has been assigned to a resident of the district may attend school without payment of tuition provided appropriate information has been filed with the district office. In such cases, the reason for school admittance must be unrelated to any educational or co-curricular benefits that may be attained by attending a District school rather than a school in the child's resident district. Proof may be required that the child's residence in the district is for other than educational or co-curricular benefits.

Tuition Status

Nonresident students may be admitted to the District, subject to the limits of the buildings, availability of staff, predetermined class sizes and payment of tuition. The Board shall make a written agreement for the payment of tuition. Tuition fees shall be determined annually and shall be in compliance with state law. Tuition fees may be waived by the Board under the following conditions:

- A. The Board may permit a student who was enrolled in and a resident of the school district at the beginning of the school year (July 1) to complete the school year at the school he/she is attending without payment of tuition, even though the student is no longer a resident of the district.
- B. A student will be allowed to complete the school year in the school the student is attending without payment of tuition even if he/she is no longer a resident of the district, if the student was a resident of the district on either the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in January of the current school year and the student was enrolled in the district for at least 20 school days in the current school year.
- C. A student will be allowed to attend a school district in the current school year without payment of tuition, if all of the following criteria apply.
 

The student:

  - was a resident of the school district on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in January of the previous school year;
  - was enrolled in the school district continuously from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in January of the previous school year to the end of the previous school year;
  - moved out of the district after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in February in the previous school year; and
  - continues to be a resident of Wisconsin.
- D. If a student becomes a nonresident student after completing the junior year in the Port Edwards School District, and the parents request permission, the Board of Education shall allow the student to complete the senior year without any charge of tuition.
- E. A student whose parent(s) or legal guardian demonstrates plans to become a resident of the District within a nine-week period may be enrolled in the District without payment of tuition.
- F. A foreign exchange student may attend school in the District without payment of tuition.
- G. A minor student who spends all or a majority of his or her time with a divorced parent within the District shall be deemed a resident of the District.

The district administrator shall establish, or cause to be established, procedures for investigating residency whenever it has been brought to the attention of the District that a student claiming residence is not, or may not be, a resident. If it is

determined that a student is a nonresident, the student shall be immediately withdrawn from school unless a written contract for payment of tuition fees is entered into by the student's parent or guardian.

Admission to Summer School

Nonresident children may be accepted at summer school provided:

- A. Residents are given priority;
- B. nonresidents are of suitable ability and training;
- C. their presence will not result in groups containing more than the desired number of children; and
- D. they pay the summer school tuition fee, if any applies.

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LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 121.77, 121.81, 121.83, 121.85, 115.80, 118.13, 118.14, and PI 9.03(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

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