

RESIDENCY: TUITION, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION

POLICY

The Board believes that qualified resident students should receive a tuition-free education. Resident students shall be defined as those residing in the district with their parent(s) or with court-appointed guardian(s) or limited guardianships or whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are unable to provide a suitable home for them and who are residing in the district in the home of relatives or in a licensed home for the purpose of a suitable home environment and not for the purpose of acquiring an education. Proof of the above will be noted on the enrollment card.

Non-resident students shall not be enrolled except as set forth in the procedure.

PROCEDURE

1. Tuition shall be collected for all students whose parents or court-appointed guardians claim to be establishing residence in the district sometime in the future. A proportionate amount of the current year's tuition, based upon the number of school days in residence shall be refunded upon the presentation of satisfactory proof of residence in the school district. A student entering school at the beginning of the school year shall not be charged tuition if he/she can supply satisfactory proof that he/she will be in residence on or before the 4th Friday after Labor Day.

If residence has not been established by the 4th Friday, tuition shall become due for the entire period of non-residence. In addition, the student shall provide a letter from his/her district of residence stating its approval of his/her enrollment in Fitzgerald Public Schools.

2. Resident students, who move out of the Fitzgerald School District, after the first ten (10) weeks of any semester, may complete that semester only and shall not be charged tuition.
3. Annual tuition rates shall be established in accordance with guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Education. Cases of extreme hardship shall be considered on an individual basis upon referral by an authorized, recognized public agency or upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Any exception made on behalf of a student shall apply only to the particular student situation.
4. Students must be five (5) years old on or before December 1 of the current school year as per state law.

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