

TUITION, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the assessment and collection of tuition. Tuition billing may be assessed daily in advance of the period for which the billing is made.

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.

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.

Students must be five (5) years old on or before December 1 of the current school year as per state law.

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.

Tuition for grades K to 6 shall not exceed 25% more than the operation cost per capita for the number of pupils in membership in grades K to 12.

Tuition for grades 7 to 12 shall not exceed 12-1/2% more than 115% of the operation cost per capita for the number of pupils in membership in grades K to 12.

The operation costs and membership figures of the preceding fiscal year shall be used. The per capita cost used shall not include moneys expended for school sites, school building construction, equipment, payment of bonds, or other purposes not properly included in operation costs as determined by the state board.