

Policy JBCB

Nonresident Students

STUDENT TUITION

In keeping with the City Charter of Rome, it shall be the policy of the Rome City School System to admit non-resident students subject to the following:

Non-resident tuition students **who meet qualifications** may be accepted **annually** in schools with available space. **For students in grades K-6 , students may apply for tuition at any elementary school, regardless of residency location.** ~~in the attendance zone of their point of entry into the city. If a student moves out of the attendance zone during the year, the student may continue at that school for the remainder of the school year and then, if approved, transfer to the appropriate school the next school year. However, a student in grades 7-12 who moves out of the attendance zone may continue at that school for the remainder of the school year and ensuing years if approved for tuition status. Once accepted, tuition students in grades K-6 will become eligible for intra-district transfer. Policy JBCC explains the intra-district transfer option.~~ **Tuition applications will be accepted after the application window is open and through the first day of the new academic school year. Tuition applications that are turned in after the first day of school may only be accepted for students who are new to Rome City Schools.** Acceptance is based on availability after resident students have been accepted pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2131. **The Superintendent and/or his designee is charged with developing and maintaining the procedures and guidelines for the tuition application process.**

The fee for tuition students shall be set by the Board of Education but will not exceed the amount allowed by law and paid in advance. This fee is due in full no later than October 15 or before the first day of attendance if a student enrolls after this date.

Tuition students will be permitted to continue as long as their presence is mutually beneficial to the student and school, as defined by an A or B average in each core content course, an excellent discipline record, and satisfactory attendance that is aligned with current Rome City requirements of all students. The status of each tuition student shall be evaluated bi-annually, and if concerns exist students may be put on a tuition probation period of one semester . **Following the probation period, if the concerns still exist, tuition status may be revoked for the following semester/year.** In the case of extreme discipline or attendance concerns, tuition status may be revoked and withdrawal from Rome City Schools could be immediate.