The Transylvania County Board of Education shall charge tuition to pupils attending Transylvania County Schools according to the following criteria:

- Pupils who are not domiciliaries of North Carolina, regardless of current residence.
- Pupils who are domiciliaries of North Carolina but do not reside within the administrative unit.
- Pupils who temporarily reside in the administrative unit who are domiciliaries of North Carolina but are not domiciliaries of the administrative unit and who do not intend, or whose parents or legal guardians do not intend to make their permanent legal domicile in the administrative unit. Provided, however, tuition may not be charged to any such pupil if there is a written student assignment agreement between the Transylvania County Board of Education and the Board of Education in the administrative unit in which the pupil is domiciled which specifies that payment of tuition shall not be required.

The Board sets the tuition charge for out-of-county transfers annually after the local current expense budget has been established.

Exemptions

The following categories of pupils are exempt from the requirement to pay tuition, regardless of their domiciliary status:

- Pupils who reside within the school district with a parent or guardian who is a student, employee, or faculty member of a college or university, or a visiting scholar at the National Humanities Center.
- Pupils who are placed in or assigned to a group home, foster home, or other similar facility or institution within the school district.

Tuition students shall satisfy the following requirements for admission:

- Submit an application form completed by the parent or guardian and the last report card received by the student.
- Pay the tuition fee for the semester.

- Provide address of previous school so that transcript and other student record data, including evidence of compliance with North Carolina immunization requirements, can be obtained.
- Present evidence that the student has not completed the prescribed course for graduation from high school.

Determination of Domicile

The superintendent shall develop and be responsible for administering a system to determine the domiciliary status of each pupil desiring to attend the schools for the purpose of determining qualifications for admission and applicability of tuition rates. Final decisions by the superintendent regarding domiciliary status and payment of tuition may be appealed to the Board.

Tuition Rate

The rate of tuition to be charged shall be determined at the beginning of each school year by the Board of Education.

Reference: G.S. 115C-366.1

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