

Admission of Nonresident Students

Applications and Acceptance

Applications for non-resident students shall be in writing and submitted to the principal and shall include appropriate references. The minimum requirements for acceptance as a nonresident student are:

1. The student demonstrates an ability and willingness to handle the programs at Riverdale Grade School or Riverdale High School.
2. The student has a history of academic and behavioral successes.
3. Students and families are willing to participate fully in all programs, assessments and services; and Riverdale can meet the student's academic and social needs.

Approval or rejection of the application shall be made by the school admissions team following the team's review of the student's qualifications and the applicable policies herein. A nonresident student may be accepted during the current school year on a tuition basis at anytime. However, transfers will not be granted after October 1st of any given school year, except for extraordinary circumstances as determined by the sending and receiving district superintendents.

Priority

Application by nonresident students shall be considered according to the following priority sequence:

1. Nonresident students who are building or have purchased a house in the district;
2. Nonresident students within the Lake Oswego School District per currently negotiated interdistrict transfer agreement;
3. Siblings of nonresident students attending Riverdale; and
4. Other nonresident students.

Payment Options

Tuition is determined annually by the Board. Payment may be made using one of the following options (check one):

- Option 1 - Single Payment made before classes begin in September (deposit applied at this time).
Option 2 - Two payments with one payment made before classes begin in September (or prior to enrollment if classes have already started) and the second payment before January 15.

Option 3 - Ten monthly payments made on the 1st of each month.

Initial payments may be prorated for students entering school after classes have already started.

Discounts

Multi-child tuition discount of 5 % for the second child and 10% for the third to be applied to the lowest grade(s)/youngest child(ren) beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Application of finance charge of 2% for individuals making two payments and 3% for those making three or more payments.

Late Change

A later charge of 1.5 percent of the delinquent payment for each month or portion thereof will be charged on all past due balances if payment is not received by the 15th of each month. A \$25.00 service charge will be applied for any check returned to the district due to insufficient funds. The district does to accept payment by credit card for tuition expenses.

Retention

No student shall be considered for re-enrollment or financial assistance for subsequent academic years unless the account is considered current. If any payment is delinquent for sixty days following the due date, the student may be excluded from school attendance.

The district reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student if it determines withdrawal to be in the best interests of the student or the school. Reasons may include, but are not limited to, a student's unsatisfactory academic performance or behavior by the student, parents, or guardian that is detrimental or disruptive to the educational environment. Tuition will be charged to the end of the current trimester in the event the contracting party chooses to withdraw a student. If funds have been paid beyond the trimester, they will be refunded after the last day of the term. Tuition will be refunded on a pro-rated basis to families who change from non-resident to resident status.

Financial Obligations

Books and supplies, state-wide testing and most required class activities are included in the tuition charge. Not included are the costs of meals, non-required excursions, field studies, sports and after-school club activities, community school, or daily transportation services. Any additional educational needs that are beyond what is offered as part of the regular grade school program - including special education services - will be furnished or funded by the parent or legal guardian.

Dispute Resolution

If Riverdale School District initiates collection procedures to enforce the financial obligations of this contract, it is understood and agreed that the contracting party will pay attorney's fees and costs as well as any collection expenses incurred with or without suit. If suit or action is filed, the amount of such reasonable legal fees shall be fixed by the court.

Duration

Nonresident students shall be accepted for one school year. Once a nonresident student has been accepted, the district will attempt to thereafter maintain a place for said student for as long as the student pays tuition or has a valid transfer and is in good standing. Nonresident students must recognize, however, that the district cannot guarantee a place for any nonresident student on account of the district's primary responsibility to resident students and other residents of the district.

Transportation

Parent(s) of nonresident students, whether or not they are paying tuition, shall be responsible for transporting their students to and from school at times consistent with school hours. The district shall have no obligation whatsoever with respect to any transportation for nonresident students.