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Tuition for School Day Programs

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish when students must pay tuition to enroll in a school day educational program in the Minneapolis Public Schools.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Generally, children of school age who are residents of the City of Minneapolis, or who enroll in Minneapolis Public Schools through the open enrollment program, attend district schools without payment of tuition subject to the exceptions identified in this policy.

B. A citizen of a foreign country, who participates in a foreign student exchange program approved by the superintendent or Superintendent's designee, may attend a Minneapolis Public School without payment of tuition.

C. Exceptions requiring the payment of tuition:

1. Students of school age who are not residents of the State of Minnesota may be admitted upon approval of an application under the Minnesota Options Law provided that the student shall pay tuition.

2. Students of school age who are resident in another Minnesota school district and who are placed in Minneapolis Public Schools for the purpose of receiving special education services shall have tuition paid by their resident district according to Minnesota Statutory provisions.

3. Students of school age who enroll in online instruction in excess of their regular school schedule for the purposes of enrichment shall pay tuition.

4. Students who enroll in online instruction from a location outside of the State of Minnesota shall pay tuition by each course of enrollment.

5. Children who enroll in a pre-kindergarten readiness program shall pay tuition according to the sliding fee scale established by the Superintendent however children receiving early childhood special education services through the District shall pay no tuition for concurrent enrollment in a pre-kindergarten readiness program.

6. Students of school age who enter this country on an F-1 Student Status visa must pay tuition to attend a Minneapolis Public School.

D. Tuition due under this policy, with the exception of tuition due for non-resident students receiving special education services, or non-immigrant students with a F-1 student visa, may be waived in special cases by the Superintendent or the Board of Directors

III. TUITION RATE

A. Tuition rates for the school day programs for students enrolled in grades K-12 in a Minneapolis Public School
   1. shall be recommended by the Chief Financial Officer based on the average cost of providing a general education for that student;
   2. shall be approved by the Superintendent, and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval;
   3. shall be reevaluated every fiscal year and established by July 1st of every year;

B. Tuition rates for students enrolled in online courses offered by Minneapolis Public Schools shall be determined pursuant to Minnesota law.

C. Tuition rates for students enrolling in a pre-kindergarten readiness program offered by Minneapolis Public Schools shall be on the basis of a sliding fee scale.
   1. The sliding fee scale shall be suggested by the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Early Childhood education based on the average cost of providing the program to students; and
   2. Shall be approved by the Superintendent, and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval; and
   3. Shall be reevaluated every fiscal year and established by September 1 of the previous year and published with the application information for the program.

D. Excess costs for students who receive special education services who are enrolled in Minneapolis Public Schools but resident in another District are set through the State of Minnesota and collected or adjusted through the State Department of Education.

E. Tuition rates shall be published annually.

IV. TUITION WAIVERS

A. The Superintendent, or designee, may waive tuition charged under this policy in cases of extreme hardship on the family.
   1. Students who would be charged tuition under this policy for regular education courses may request a waiver of those fees from the Superintendent upon a form supplied by the District.
   2. The Superintendent designates the Coordinator of Online Learning to determine when students who are enrolled in on-line courses for which tuition would be charged may have such tuition waived. Students may request a waiver from the Superintendent upon a form supplied by the Coordinator of Online Learning.
   3. The Superintendent designates the Executive Director of Early Childhood Education to determine when students who are enrolled in pre-kindergarten readiness programs offered through Minneapolis Public Schools for which tuition would be charged may have such tuition waived. Students may request a waiver of those fees from the Executive Director of Early Education upon a form supplied by the District.

B. No waiver of any tuition or fee shall be given to any student or participant who is enrolled in a program or activity under an F-1 student status visa.

IV. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate regulations, procedures and rules for the implementation of this policy.

Legal References

Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Compulsory Education Law)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.88 (Non-resident Tuition)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.08 (School Board's Approval to enroll in Nonresident District)

Cross References

MPS Policy 3240 (Tuition Revenue and Tuition for Non-School Day Programs)
MPS Policy 5141 (Enrollment of Non-Resident Students (Open Enrollment))
MPS Policy 6222 (Online Instruction)