

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Tuition Policy

It is recognized that residents of the Helena School District No.1 pay property taxes in support of the education of the students attending the schools. In order to establish financing of the non-resident student's education, the Helena School District shall charge tuition in accordance with the tuition provisions of Sections: 20-5-320, 20-5-321, 20-5-323, 20-5-324, M.C.A.

A non-resident student is a student residing outside of the applicable Helena School District. A non-resident elementary student resides outside of the Elementary District. A non-resident high school student resides outside of the High School District. For the purposes of this policy, a student's residence shall be determined in accordance with Section 1-1-215, M.C.A. However, notwithstanding Section 1-1-215, M.C.A. the district shall consider students to be resident students of the district in the following circumstances;

1. A student is a resident of the District if either parent or legal guardian is a resident of the Helena School District.
2. When a student's family moves its residence from the District during the second semester of the school term, the student shall be considered a resident for the remainder of such school term.

When a non-resident student wishes to attend school in the District, a written tuition agreement must be executed by the parent/guardian and the Helena School District before the student is enrolled. Tuition paid by the parent/guardian must be paid to the Helena School District prior to enrollment. Tuition paid through a mandatory agreement with another school district shall be budgeted and paid according to the provisions of state law 20-9-324, M.C.A.

The tuition rate established between the Helena School District and individual parents/guardians must be reduced by the amount that the parent or guardian of the child paid in district property taxes during the immediately preceding school fiscal year for the benefit and support of the district in which the child will attend school.

The Board of Trustees shall annually determine a tuition rate and establish the provisions and terms of any inter-local agreement. Any student who is admitted to Helena School District No. 1 under the provisions of this policy shall attend the school assigned by the District.

Legal Reference: 20-5-320, M.C.A.
20-5-321, M.C.A.
20-5-323, M.C.A.
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