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JBCB - Non-Resident Students

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT STUDENTS: ADMISSION AND TUITION

Admission of Resident Students

The Ocean Springs School District (OSSD) provides a free public education for the residents of the OSSD. The OSSD will enroll nonresident students for Advanced Placement **Capstone** (Capstone) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs only to the extent that such admission does not adversely affect the education of resident students.

Nonresident students living with resident adults other than parents or legal guardians will be required to meet residency requirements as outlined in OSSD Policy JBC School Admission.

Admission of Nonresident Students

Upon the written petition of any nonresident parent/legal guardian of a student enrolling in the Capstone or IB Programs, the OSSD Board of Trustees (BOT) may consent to the enrollment and attendance of the nonresident school age child on a tuition basis.

Resident students enrolled in the Capstone or IB Programs, whose parents move out of the OSSD after the beginning of a semester, will be considered nonresident students and will be required to meet the same conditions as all other nonresident students.

A nonresident Capstone or IB student will have a release from the Board of Trustees of the district of residence prior to applying for admission to the OSSD as a nonresident student. The application for admission of a nonresident student must be approved by the OSSD BOT prior to formal admission to a school in the OSSD. However, in emergency situations, a nonresident student may be granted temporary admission by the Superintendent of Schools or designee subject to final approval by the BOT.

Upon approval by the BOT to be admitted as a nonresident student, it will be necessary that the nonresident student fulfill all requirements for admission as would be the case for a resident student.

The acceptance or non-acceptance of a nonresident student(s) will be based on the Tuition Administrative Procedures including but not limited to the following criteria:

- Consideration of the benefit gained by the student
- Satisfactory behavior in home school
- Satisfactory attendance in home school
- Academic record of average grades or better in home school
- Enrollment space at Ocean Springs High School

Prior to the admission of nonresident students, the BOT reserves the right to fully investigate circumstances which led to a student's transfer into the OSSD. After said investigation, a ruling will be made to determine enrollment eligibility. Transportation will not be provided for nonresident students.

The BOT reserves the right to refuse continued enrollment of nonresident students at any time. Any nonresident student who is identified as habitually disruptive as defined by Mississippi Code §37-11-18.1 will be denied continued enrollment in the OSSD and returned to the home school district.

Withdrawal from the Capstone or IB program will result in immediate removal from the OSSD and no refund of tuition will be issued.

Nonresident student enrollment will be reviewed annually to determine if the student continues to maintain the academic and student conduct eligibility for the tuition program.

Tuition Charges for Nonresident Students

Nonresident students will be subject to payment of tuition as established by the BOT upon admission to the OSSD. Nonresident students enrolling in the OSSD for less than a full scholastic year will be assessed tuition on a pro rata basis. All tuition payments shall be paid in advance prior to the first day of attendance. Tuition payment will be considered delinquent on the fifth school day of the semester. If tuition payment becomes delinquent, the OSSD reserves the right to require a nonresident student to return to the home school of the student.

Such tuition may be paid each semester or annually in accordance with the following terms:

Annual payment: \$3,000
Semester payment: \$1,625

The yearly payment plan requires that the annual tuition be paid in full prior to the first day of attendance. The semester payment plan requires that payment be made in full prior to the first day of attendance of each semester. No refunds will be made once the student has begun attendance, for the semester.

In addition to tuition, nonresident students will be required to pay instructional class fees based on course selection.

A waiver of tuition may be requested by a custodial parent or legal guardian of a nonresident student who owns property in the OSSD and pays local school district taxes. The amount of a tuition waiver will be calculated by subtracting the amount actually paid in local school taxes from the amount annually assessed for nonresident tuition. Not more than one-half of the nonresident tuition will be considered for waiver per student. School taxes paid on property jointly owned with other parties or individuals will not be considered for waiver of tuition.

Nonresident tuition should be remitted to the Ocean Springs School District, Post Office Box 7002, Ocean Springs, MS 39566-7002.

Tuition charges for nonresident students will become effective July 1, 2017.

Legal References: MS Code Section 37-7-335 Establishment of fees; hardship waiver policy

Cross References: JBC - School Admission
JS - Fee Policy
Tuition Administrative Procedures