

**TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY  
Residence Requirement/Tuition/Transfer  
of Students**

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**Residence Requirements**

To be eligible for school attendance in the Terrell County Schools, a student must reside full time within the school district. In order for a person under 18 years of age to establish a full time residence for this purpose, it must appear that his/her presence in a residence is not for the primary purpose of attending a school within the district. Certain children in the custody of the Department of Human Resources (DHR) or any of its divisions and are of proper age may be eligible for enrollment without payment of tuition.

Exceptions to the residence requirement are as follows:

1. Students whose temporary or permanent custody has been awarded to any legal resident of the Terrell School District or to the Terrell County Department of Family and Children Services.
2. Students in temporary or permanent custody of an agency outside of Terrell County who are residing with a legal resident of the Terrell School District, or upon written recommendation of the Terrell County Department of Family and Children Services.
3. Students who are residents of another Georgia School District and who pay tuition as required by Terrell Board of Education policy.
4. When special circumstances indicate that the best educational interest of the student is to remain in Terrell County schools even though the parents may have moved their residence from Terrell County, the Superintendent has authority to allow the student to remain, on a tuition basis, for a period of time not to exceed one school semester
5. Students whose parents or guardians are employees of the Terrell County School System may be exempt from this requirement. No tuition will be charged. However, students attending under the "extenuating circumstances" provision above may be charged tuition not to exceed the locally financed per student cost for the preceding school year, excluding the required local effort.

**Tuition**

There will be a tuition charged to all out-of-county students not to exceed the per pupil amount of local tax funds used to supplement state and federal funds. The amount can

not be greater than the average locally financed per-student cost for the preceding year, excluding the required local fair share funds. The formula for determining per-student cost is calculated by taking all local sources of income (including ad valorem tax, local sales tax, donations, interest earned, rent, etc.) for the past fiscal year, subtracting the required local fair share for the year and dividing the current system enrollment.

### **Admission of Transfer Students**

Students seeking admission to the Terrell County School System as a transferee from another school system or a home, private, or parochial school shall be considered for admission only after the following criteria have been met.

1. Submission of proof of residence with legal custodian living in Terrell County.  
No person or persons other than a child's parents will be considered to have "custody" of a child unless custody has been awarded by Court order granting custody to the person or persons must be presented at the time of a student's enrollment in the Terrell County School System. In rare cases involving extenuating circumstances, approval for conditional enrollment may be recommended by the school principal and approved by the Superintendent. Failure to comply with conditional enrollment requirements will result in expulsion.

Eligible students who are suspended/expelled from any other school must request permission to enroll in the Terrell County School System from the Board at a regular Board meeting.