

TUITION AGREEMENT REGULATION

Parents are expected to comply with the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code when requesting a tuition waiver agreement. Children of parents who do not complete the appropriate agreement may be denied the opportunity to receive educational services from the Dickinson Public Schools.

In accommodating tuition waiver requests the district need ***not***

1. make alterations in the structure of the schools or to the arrangement or function of rooms within the requested school;
2. add teaching or additional staff members;
3. establish and offer any program in a school if such program is not currently offered in such school;
4. alter or waive any established eligibility criteria for participation in a particular program, including age requirements, course prerequisites, and required levels of performance;
5. enroll students expelled from any school district during the preceding 12 months or whose behavior in another school district during the preceding 12 months was detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel; or
6. be responsible for the transportation of nonresident students to or from school or school activities except as provided by statute or other board policies.

An application may be denied if

1. there is a lack of space or teaching staff in a particular program, school, grade level, or department in the receiving school, in which case priority shall be given to resident students seeking a tuition waiver. The building principal shall determine the available space and teaching staff by considering the needs of the currently enrolled students and future projections for the same;
2. the receiving school does not offer appropriate programs, or is not structured or equipped with the necessary facilities to meet the needs of the student, or does not offer the particular program requested;
3. the student does not meet the eligibility requirements for the receiving school or program including age requirements, course prerequisites, or required levels of performance, or other criteria that may be established by board policy or building rules or regulations;
4. the student has been, or is being, expelled from any school district in the preceding twelve months or has exhibited behavior detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel in another school district during the preceding twelve months;
5. the student has graduated from the twelfth grade or is in receipt of a document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum;
6. the student does not meet school district policy with regard to immunizations; or
7. the Superintendent of Schools closes open enrollment with the School Board being informed of any changes.

Recommended Class Size

The Dickinson School Board has established the following guidelines for class size in the Dickinson Public Schools. While these criteria are not considered to be inflexible the administration is expected to adhere to the guidelines when possible. Tuition waiver requests that cause a classroom to exceed these recommended class sizes will not be approved. The district may deny a tuition waiver request based on criteria established in the North Dakota Century Code, school board policy and/or the following recommended class sizes.

- K 20 Students per room
- 1 21 Students per room
- 2 22 Students per room
- 3 23 Students per room
- 4 24 Students per room
- 5 25 Students per room
- 6 26 Students per room
- 7-8 28 Students per room
- 9-12 30 Students per room