

Treasurer's Notes

Did you know that in certain instances parents may become obligated to pay tuition for their child(ren) to attend public school? The Ohio Revised Code section 3317 requires parents who send their children to a school district outside of the geographic boundaries of the public school that they reside are obligated to pay tuition to the public school who would educate the child(ren). There are exceptions like "open enrollment" whereby a school district may establish policies which allow families residing outside the school district to send their children to their school district without the cost of tuition given specific terms and conditions. A common example of when tuition is charged is when a family moves out the school district during the school year and wishes to continue to send their children to the same school to provide continuity in their child's educational experience.

The amount of tuition is established by the Ohio Department of Education. The formula for determining the amount of tuition is calculated by the average amount of local taxes provided on a per pupil basis. The tuition rate for the 2007-2008 school years was \$4,856.97 per pupil. This can be prorated on a daily or monthly basis dependent upon the amount of time the parent resides outside the district proportion to the full school year.

The advice I would give parents who may be moving during the school year is to contact the school or board office and let us know what you are considering. We can let you know what options may be available regarding the continuation of your child(ren)'s education. These days with all the resources available in public domain, it is not too difficult to find out if families have moved out of the district. To avoid a large bill for tuition, don't assume that you can just continue sending your child(ren) to school without consequences. If you have questions or concerns regarding tuition or open enrollment, please contact the school or the board office at (419)684-5322.