

SCHOOL ADMISSION

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A person of school age shall be deemed to reside in the school division:

1. When the person is living with a natural parent, or a parent by legal adoption, in the Tazewell School Division;
2. When the person's custodial parent has been deployed outside the United States as a member of the Virginia National Guard or as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and such person's custodial parent has executed a Special Power of Attorney under Title 10, United States Code, § 1044b providing for the care of the person of school age by an individual who is defined as a parent in Va. Code § [22.1-1](#) during the time of his deployment outside the United States. The person of school age shall be allowed to attend a school in the school division in which the individual providing for his care, pursuant to the Special Power of Attorney resides. Furthermore, when practicable, such persons of school age may continue to attend school in the Virginia school division they attended immediately prior to the deployment and shall not be charged tuition for attending such division.
3. When the parents of such person are dead and the person is living with a person in loco parentis who actually resides within the school division;
4. When the parents of such person are unable to care for the person and the person is living, not solely for school purposes, with another person who resides in the school division and is either (i) the court-appointed guardian, or has legal custody of the person, or (ii) acting in loco parentis pursuant to placement of the person for adoption by a person or entity authorized to do so under Va. Code § 63.2-1200;
5. When the person is living in the school division not solely for school purposes, as an emancipated minor; or
6. When the person has been placed in a foster care placement within the school division by a local social services agency.

The sending and receiving school divisions will cooperate in facilitating the enrollment of any child placed in foster care across jurisdictional lines to enhance continuity of instruction. The child will be allowed to continue to attend the school in which he was enrolled prior to the most recent foster care placement, upon the joint determination of the placing social services agency and the school division that such attendance is in the best interest of the child.

No person of school age who is the subject of a foster care placement will be charged tuition regardless of whether the child is attending the school in which he was enrolled prior to the most recent foster care placement or is attending a school in the receiving school division.

Certain other students may be admitted into the public schools of the division and may be charged tuition in accordance with section 22.1-5 of the Code of Virginia and pursuant to Tazewell County School Board regulations.

No child of a person on active military duty attending a school free of charge in accordance with this policy shall be charged tuition by the school division upon such child's relocation to military housing located in another school division in the Commonwealth, pursuant to orders received by such child's parent to relocate to base housing and forfeit his military housing allowance. Such children shall be allowed to continue attending school in the school division and shall not be charged tuition for attending such school. Such children shall be counted in the average daily membership of the school division in which they are enrolled. Further, the school division in which such children are enrolled subsequent to their relocation to base housing shall not be responsible for providing for their transportation to and from school.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Except as otherwise provided below, no pupil shall be admitted for the first time to any public school in any school division in Virginia unless the person enrolling the pupil presents, upon admission, a certified copy of the pupil's birth record. The principal or his designee shall record the official state birth number from the pupil's birth record into the pupil's permanent school record and may retain a copy in the pupil's permanent school record. If a certified copy of the pupil's birth record cannot be obtained, the person so enrolling the pupil shall submit an affidavit setting forth the pupil's age and explaining the inability to present a certified copy of the birth record. If the school division cannot ascertain a child's age because of the lack of a birth certificate, the child shall nonetheless be admitted into the public schools if the division superintendent determines that the person submitting the affidavit presents information sufficient to estimate with reasonable certainty the age of such child.
- B. If a certified copy of the birth record is not provided, the administration shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency. The notice to the local law-enforcement agency shall include copies of the submitted proof of the pupil's identity and age and the affidavit explaining the inability to produce a certified copy of the birth record.
- C. Within 14 days after enrolling a transfer student, the administration shall request documentation that a certified copy of the pupil's birth record was presented when the pupil was enrolled in the former school.
- D. Each student will present a federal social security number within 90 days of his enrollment. In any case in which a student is ineligible, pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the Board of Education, to obtain a social security number or the parent is unwilling to present such number, the superintendent or his designee may assign another identifying number to the student or waive this requirement.
- E. Tuition rates are established each year in accordance with the provisions of § 22.1-5 of the Code of Virginia.

- F. Prior to admission to the Tazewell County School Division, the parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the child shall provide, upon registration,
- a sworn statement or affirmation indicating whether the student has been expelled from school attendance at a private school or in a public school division of the Commonwealth or another state for an offense in violation of school board policies relating to weapons, alcohol or drugs, or for the willful infliction of injury to another person. This document shall be maintained as a part of the student's scholastic record; and
 - a sworn statement or affirmation indicating whether the student has been found guilty of or adjudicated delinquent for any offense listed in subsection G of Va. Code § [16.1-260](#) or any substantially similar offense under the laws of any state, the District of Columbia, or the United States or its territories. This document shall be maintained by the superintendent and by any others to whom he disseminates it, separately from all other records concerning the student.

However, if the school administrators or the school board takes disciplinary action against a student based upon an incident which formed the basis for the adjudication of delinquency or conviction for an offense listed in subsection G of § 16.1-260, the notice shall become a part of the student's disciplinary record.

When the child is registered as a result of a foster care placement, the information required under this subsection must be furnished by the local social services agency or licensed child-placing agency that made the placement.

- G. A student, who has been expelled or suspended for more than thirty days from attendance at school by a school board or a private school in Virginia or in another state or for whom admission has been withdrawn by a private school in Virginia or another state may be excluded from attendance in the Tazewell County School Division regardless of whether such student has been admitted to another school division or private school in Virginia or in another state subsequent to such expulsion, suspension, or withdrawal of admission upon a finding that the student presents a danger to the other students or staff of the school division after (i) written notice to the student and his/her parent that the student may be subject to exclusion, including the reasons therefor, and notice of the opportunity for the student or his parent to participate in a hearing to be conducted by the superintendent or his designee regarding such exclusion; and (ii) a hearing of the case has been conducted by the superintendent or his/her designee; and the decision has been to exclude the student from attendance. The student or his parent may file a written petition for review with the School Board within 15 days of notice of the decision of the superintendent or his/her designee. If the School Board grants a review of the record, the decision of the superintendent or his/her designee may be altered.

Upon the expiration of the exclusion period for an expulsion or a withdrawal of admission, which period shall be established by the School Board, committee thereof, or superintendent or his designee, as the case may be, at the relevant hearing, the student may petition the School Board for readmission. If the petition for readmission is rejected, the School Board shall identify the length of the continuing exclusion period and the subsequent date upon which such student may petition the School Board for readmission.

For the purposes of this section, the superintendent's designee shall be a (i) trained hearing officer or (ii) professional employee within the administrative offices of the school division who reports directly to the superintendent and who is not a school-based instructional or administrative employee.

In excluding any such expelled student from school attendance, the School Board may accept or reject any or all of any conditions for readmission imposed upon such student by the expelling school board pursuant to Va. Code § 22.1-277.06. The excluding School Board shall not impose additional conditions for readmission to school.

- H. This policy does not preclude contractual arrangements between the Tazewell County School Board and agencies of the federal government or the school board of another jurisdiction to permit students not otherwise eligible to attend Tazewell County Public Schools.
- I. Prior to admission, the student must document compliance with, or eligibility for exemption from, the physical examination and immunization requirements contained in §§ 22.1-270, 22.1-271.2 and 32.1-46 of the Code of Virginia and policies JHCA and JHCB.

If the person enrolling a child who has been placed in foster care by a local social services agency is unable to produce a report of a comprehensive physical examination and/or proof of immunization, the student shall be immediately enrolled; however, the person enrolling the child shall provide a written statement that, to the best of his knowledge, the student is in good health and is free from communicable or contagious disease. In addition, the placing social service agency shall obtain and produce the required documents or otherwise ensure compliance with the statutory requirements for the foster child within 30 days after the child's enrollment.

Adopted: July 11, 2011

Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-1, 22.1-3, 22.1-3.1, 22.1-3.2, 22.1-3.4, 22.1-5, 22.1-255, 22.1-260, 22.1-270, 22.1-271.2, 22.1-276.01, 22.1-277.2, 22.1-288.2, 32.1-46, 63.2-900, and 63.2-1200.

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1987-88 Va. Opin. AG 374.

Cross Refs.:	JECA	Admission of Homeless Children
	JHCA	Physical Examinations of Students
	JHCB	Immunization of Students
	JGD/JGE	Student Suspension/Expulsion

SCHOOL ADMISSION

No person shall be charged tuition for admission or enrollment in the Tazewell County Public Schools, whether on a full-time or part-time basis, who is eligible for admission under Policies JEC or JECA. School officials may not inquire into the student's citizenship or visa status in determining eligibility for tuition-free enrollment in the Tazewell County Public Schools.

However, the school division may admit and charge tuition to a student who:

- A. Is a resident of the school division but not of school age;
- B. Is of school age and not a resident of Virginia but is temporarily living with a non-parent who resides within the school division;
- C. Is of school age and resides beyond the boundaries of Virginia but near thereto in a state or the District of Columbia which grants equal attendance privileges to residents of the Commonwealth;
- D. Is of school age and resides on a military or naval reservation located wholly or partly within the geographical boundaries of the school division, is not a domiciled resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is a student for whom federal funds provided under Public Law 874 of 1950, commonly known as Impact Aid, fund less than 50 percent of the total per capita cost of education in Tazewell County Public Schools exclusive of capital outlay and debt service;
- E. Is of school age and attending a school in the division pursuant to a foreign student exchange program approved by the School Board;
- F. Is a resident of the Commonwealth but not of the school division, except as provided in Policy JEC;
- G. Is of school age and was enrolled in a public school within the division as a domiciled resident of the Commonwealth, and has been required as a result of military or federal orders issued to their parents to relocate and reside on federal property in another state or the District of Columbia, where such state or the District of Columbia is contiguous to the school division; or
- H. Is of school age and residing within the school division, and is enrolled in summer programs other than remediation required under Va. Code § 22.1-253:13.1, or is enrolled in local initiatives or programs not required by the Standards of Quality or the Standards of Accreditation,

The Tazewell County School Board designates the following category(ies) of students as eligible for consideration for admission: nonresidents. Eligibility for consideration does not signify acceptance of the admission application of a student. Each application for admission will be considered on an individual basis. The residency of persons in the above categories who reside in housing or temporary shelter, or on property located in multiple jurisdictions, shall be determined in the manner set forth in JEC.

Foreign students in an F-1 immigration status or who obtain F-1 student visas shall not be admitted in the division's elementary schools or publicly funded adult education programs. Such students may be admitted, for a period up to twelve months, in the division's secondary schools only if they pre-pay the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of the education.

Procedure for Admission

The following procedure shall be followed for application and review of applications for admission of students.

A parent or guardian of a student shall apply for admission on behalf of his/her child by completing the division application. The application form shall contain information and agreements including, but not limited to:

- the current legal residence of the child and the school division in which he/she is currently enrolled;
- the child's social security number, if applicable;
- the basis for requesting admission;
- the specific building and grade level (elementary) or course offerings (secondary) in which the student desires to be enrolled if accepted by the division; and,
- the agreement that the student is subject to all policies, regulations and guidelines of the school division, including the Code of Student Conduct.

Within 15 calendar days of receipt of the application, the Tazewell County School Board Office of the school division shall provide the applicant with written notification of the approval or denial of the application. If the student is to be admitted, the superintendent shall recommend the admission to the School Board and the Tazewell County School Board Office shall notify the division which the student previously attended and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records. The notification of admission shall state the period for which the student is accepted or the subsequent conditions which could cause the acceptance to be terminated.

If the application is denied, the Tazewell County School Board Office shall notify the parent or guardian of the right to have the transfer reviewed by sending a written request to the superintendent/designee within seven calendar days. Applications denied based upon the student's suspension, expulsion, or withdrawal of admission shall be reviewed in as provided in Policy JEC. For all other denials of admission, the superintendent/designee shall respond in writing to the request for review within 10 calendar days. If the request is denied, the Superintendent/designee shall notify the parent of the right to petition the School Board, upon five calendar days prior notice, for review of the decision and to have a hearing before the Board at its next regular meeting. Following the hearing by the Board, a final decision shall be promptly communicated to the parent in writing. If review is not requested within the timelines specified, the recommended denial of the request for admission shall be submitted to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Tuition Rate

The tuition rate shall be set by the superintendent for each academic year.

Transportation

Transportation shall not be furnished to nonresident students except in those cases where:

- agreements between divisions specify transportation services; or
- federal or state legislation mandates the provision of transportation services; or
- transportation services can be provided at no cost to the division.

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STUDENTS

Enrollment and County Residency

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Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must remain full-time Tazewell County residents for the entire period of enrollment in Tazewell County Public Schools. For the purpose of this policy, a resident is defined as an individual who is a full-time occupant of a dwelling located in Tazewell County and who, on any given school day, is likely to be at the documented address when not at work or school. A person who owns property in the county, but does not reside in the county, is not considered a resident for the purpose of this policy. Be it further stated, a person who owns property in one school district of the county but does not reside in that school district, is not considered a resident of the school district for the purpose of this policy.

Proof of Residence

Proof of residence is required when a student initially enrolls in a school and whenever a change of residence occurs. The principal or designee shall accept the following records as proof of residency:

1. A notarized lease or rental agreement consisting of written evidence that the agreement is valid and current, *and* a current utility bill (gas, electric, water, residential telephone, or cable). Records must include the name and street address of the parent/guardian.

OR

2. A current residential property tax statement or deed, *and* a current utility bill (gas, electric, water, residential telephone, or cable). Records must include the name and street address of the parent/guardian.

Verification of Residency

A school system representative may visit the address given by any parent/guardian to verify residency. The property address given must be the actual location where the student and parent/guardian reside full time.

Consequences for Violating the Policy

Students who are illegally enrolled shall be withdrawn from school. The parent/guardian is subject to be charged under Virginia Code tuition for the period of time that a student is illegally enrolled in Tazewell County Public Schools, together with all court and legal expenses incurred

by the Board of Education in collecting school tuition. Any person who knowingly makes a false statement concerning the residency of a child, as determined by Virginia Code §22.1-5, in a particular school division or school attendance zone shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor and may be charged accordingly.

Nonresidents

- A. Persons of school age who are not residents of Tazewell County but are living temporarily with persons living within Tazewell County may, in the discretion of the school board and pursuant to the regulations adopted by it, be admitted to the public schools in Tazewell County.

- B. Students who wish to attend Tazewell County Schools under this regulation must submit:
 1. a letter stating the reasons for wanting to attend Tazewell County Schools;
 2. complete records from schools previously attended, including complete disciplinary files;
 3. proof that the Tazewell County resident with whom they reside has legal custody granted by the Courts.

Items one through three must be submitted to the principal of the school that the student wishes to attend before enrollment of the student can be considered.

- C. School-age children of non-resident Tazewell County Public School employees may attend Tazewell County Public Schools as long as a legally recognized custodial parent is employed by the Tazewell County Public School Division.

The division superintendent or designee reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of any nonresident student for just cause. Upon written request of the parent(s) or guardian(s), a meeting shall be held with the division superintendent to provide an opportunity for all parties to present any facts relating to this termination decision. The division superintendent shall provide all parties with a written notice of the decision.

Legal Reference:

Code of Va. § 22.1-3., 22.1-5, 22.1-264.1