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Acceptance of Out-of-District Students/Tuition

The Board of Trustees believes that each child should attend elementary school in his/her own district. However, recognizing that unusual situations arise, the Board will accept elementary students (K-8) from outside districts under certain conditions. To this end, the following rules are adopted:

- 1. No one connected with the Bigfork Elementary School, or in School District #38 is to solicit the attendance of pupils living outside the district.
- 2. Students from outside the district applying to enroll in our district will be admitted in an unrestricted fashion until the level of 90% of district standards has been reached at a particular grade level. Thereafter, only families who currently have a child enrolled will be allowed to enroll additional children in classes which have reached the 90% level. Additional applicants will be put on a waiting list and allowed to enter as space allows. When classes reach the maximum limits set by the accreditation standards, no additional non-resident students will be admitted without specific approval of the trustees.
- 3. Non-resident students, once accepted, shall be permitted to ride school buses on regular bus routes, subject to the approval of the sending and receiving district boards as evidenced by the inter-local agreement.
- 4. The amount of tuition charged for each student will be determined by the trustees and the superintendent.
- 5. The families of non-resident students will be notified by certified letter of any changes in this policy or the tuition amount within a reasonable time after the changes are known.
- 6. Tuition payments by families may be made prior to each school semester, or in one full payment at the beginning of the school year. Payment must be made prior to the time the student begins classes.

MHSA Reference: Article II, Section 20, Recruiting Prohibited

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