



Oak Ridge Schools

Non-Resident Tuition Rates

2025-2026 School Year

		FY 2025	FY 2026
Anderson County Residents	Grades K-12	\$3,600	\$3,722
Roane County Residents	Grades K-12	\$3,600	\$3,722
Other Tennessee County Residents	Grades K-12	\$8,162	\$8,011
Out of State Residents	Grades K-12	\$14,279	\$13,836

**Please refer to Board Policy 6.204 for information relating to employees and non-resident tuition rates.

Non-resident tuition rates - Calculation Details

Non-resident tuition rates for each school year for residents of **Roane and Anderson Counties** are calculated by adding prior year revenues received from the City of Oak Ridge and dividing this total by the ADM for the prior year. The difference between the per pupil amount contributed to Oak Ridge Schools by Anderson and Roane Counties is added to the tuition rate.

Tuition rates for residents of **Tennessee outside of Anderson and Roane Counties** are calculated by adding prior year revenues received from Roane and Anderson Counties, the City of Oak Ridge, Federal Funds for Maintenance and Operations, and current tax revenue, and dividing this total by the ADM for the prior year.

Tuition for **out-of-state residents** is calculated THE SAME AS ABOVE EXCEPT THAT THE PRIOR YEAR BALANCE AND THE State revenue received by the Oak Ridge Schools is added to the total, prior to dividing by the ADM for the prior year.

TUITION APPLICATION – 2025 - 2026

**Oak Ridge Schools
Oak Ridge, TN 37830**

Date Received by: _____

Please check: New Application

Received by: _____

Please provide the following information and return the completed form to **Student Services**, School Administration Building, 304 New York Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. **You may mail the form to Oak Ridge Schools, Department of Student Services, Attention: Tuition Applications, 304 New York Ave., Oak Ridge, TN 37830.**

We reserve the right to rescind any placement if enrollment significantly changes. If enrollment changes occur that will affect your child, you will be contacted by phone immediately. **IF the application is approved, transportation will not be provided by Oak Ridge Schools.**

Student's Name:			Home Phone:
Street Address:			Cell phone or email:
City:	County:	State:	Zip:
Legal Parent/Guardian Name:			Grade Entering:
Student's Date of Birth:	School Last Attended including Telephone #	School Requesting to Attend:	2 nd Choice:

Parent /Legal Guardian must submit the following documents with application for Tuition:

- Student's most recent report card/progress report;
- Attendance record;
- Discipline record; and
- Documentation from current school administration stating student is currently in good standing.
- If high school, please attached current transcript.
- Parent Agreement Terms for Open Enrollment

Has the above named student required (or currently receiving) special education services? Yes, No or 504 services If yes, please explain: _____

Has the above named student had disciplinary/attendance problems at school? Yes No

If yes, check disciplinary measure(s) taken: Suspended Expelled other

Please explain: _____

I have read the school's policy relative to tuition students and agree to the terms as stipulated. I understand tuition students are accepted only if student enrollment permits. I give permission to contact my child's former school to obtain addition information for approval of my child's application. By signing this form, you are acknowledging the above information to be true and accurate.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

A response for acceptance/denial of tuition status as well as method of payment request will be emailed to you.

For office use only: Application: Granted Probationary Denied If denied, please state reason(s): _____

Signature of Principal _____

Date _____

Signature of Student Services Executive Director _____

Date _____

Students residing outside the boundaries of the school system may attend schools within The school system under the following conditions:

They must be approved by the superintendent of schools or designee.

They must pay a tuition fee established annually by the Board.

Tuition rate information is available in Student Services and on the Oak Ridge Schools Website.

Requests from students from adjoining states to attend school shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If a tuition pupil withdraws from the Oak Ridge Schools during the school year or becomes a resident, a proportionate refund shall be made for the remaining period covered by tuition payment. The tuition for a nonresident pupil who moves into the school district during the first grading period of the school year will be refunded.

When payment is not made on all or any part of the required tuition for a previous year, the student(s) shall be excluded from future attendance until all prior and current tuition is paid.

If a parent of a student teaches outside the school system of the parent's residency, the student may be allowed to attend such school system if the appropriate tuition requirements are met, provided that there is available room and teaching capacity and other determinations made by the Board according to applicable law.

The school system shall have the right to reject the application of any pupil who fails to meet satisfactory scholastic standards, or maintain satisfactory daily attendance, or maintain satisfactory behavior.

Tuition shall be payable by contract, in advance, on an annual or semester basis. With approval of the superintendent, an alternate payment schedule may be utilized; however, any such schedule must provide for payment at least a month in advance.

There shall be no obligation for the Oak Ridge Schools to provide transportation for non-resident pupils.

Parental Agreement Terms for Open Enrollment

I the parent/guardian of the above listed student UNDERSTAND and AGREE to the FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

* Online student data verification MUST be completed prior to May 31st for review of the open enrollment application for current Oak Ridge students.

* **This application will be denied if it could result in overcrowding or oversized classes.**

* The parent or guardian will provide transportation to and from school. (The student may NOT ride the bus to a babysitter, family member's home, or other location.)

* Students will arrival on-time and depart school at the appropriate time, according to the school rules. When a student incurs 6 Total UNEXCUSED tardies or early checkouts, they will be required to enroll at their zoned school.

* In the event of a zero-tolerance offense your open enrollment application is revoked. (This includes unauthorized possession of a firearm on school property, aggravated assault, or assault that results in bodily injury to a school employee, unlawful possession of any drug, including controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, or legend drug on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event, and threats of mass violence on school property or at a school related activity.)

* Discipline will be in good standing. When a student incurs 6 total offenses they will be required to return to zoned school.

* This application will be denied if you have experienced attendance, discipline, or academic performance issues within the last 2 years.

* My child will adhere to the school's rules, including the School Handbook, All Attendance, and Code of Conduct Policies.

* I will pay any appropriate charges/tuition charges promptly.

* The student's home address is subject to verification through documentation and home visits by school personnel.

* Open Enrollment Application determination is not final until it is approved or denied by the Oak Ridge Schools District Office.

* If my child's application is granted to attend the requested school, this is a privilege that comes with all of the conditions listed above.

I agree with these conditions and understand that failure to adhere to the conditions will result in my child having to return to his/her zoned school and/or zoned district.

Parental Signature and Date _____

OAK RIDGE SCHOOLS TUITION FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

6.204 ATTENDANCE IN OAK RIDGE SCHOOLS BY NON-RESIDENTS OF OAK RIDGE

Students who are not legal residents as defined in 6.204 of the Oak Ridge School Board policy shall pay tuition charges as approved annually by the Board of Education. Tuition students shall be accepted only if current enrollment permits.

- A. Requests by new non-resident students to enroll in Oak Ridge Schools must be made by applying to the Director of Pupil Services.
- B. During the spring pre-enrollment period, a non-resident student may request approval to attend the Oak Ridge Schools by submitting the appropriate application. Appropriate school documentation must be attached to the tuition application.
- C. Tuition students shall be enrolled in a school as determined by the superintendent or his designee.
- D. The school system shall have the right to reject the application of any student who fails to meet satisfactory scholastic standards, attendance standards or who does not exhibit good citizenship behavior. The superintendent shall not accept students expelled or suspended from other schools without prior written approval.
- E. Tuition shall be payable by contract, in advance, on an annual, semester or monthly basis. With approval of the superintendent, a monthly payment schedule may be utilized.
- F. If a tuition student withdraws from the Oak Ridge Schools during the school year or becomes a resident, a proportionate refund shall be made for the remaining period covered by tuition payment. The tuition for a non-resident student who moves into the school district during the first grading period of the school year will be refunded.
- G. There shall be no obligation for the Oak Ridge Schools to provide transportation for non-resident students.
- H. Students whose parents move from the city during the school year shall pay proportionate tuition charges for attendance during the remainder of the school year. Resident students who move from the city during the school year will be permitted to remain upon filing and approval of a tuition application.

(Please see reverse side)

Tuition rates for non-resident students, computed in accordance with Oak Ridge Board of Education Policy for the school year 2025 – 2026 are as follows:

	ANNUAL	SEMESTER
Anderson County Residents		
Grades K-12	\$3,722.00	\$1,861.00
Roane County Residents		
Grades K-12	\$3,722.00	\$1,861.00
Other Tennessee County Residents		
Grades K-12	\$8,011.00	\$4,005.50
Out of State Residents		
Grades K-12	\$13,836.00	\$6,918.00

Please select a method of payment

Annual: Total amount of tuition paid on or before September 6, 2024.

Semester: 50% annual tuition paid on or before September 6, 2025, or on/before January 3, 2026.

Monthly: Written request attached

Any payment that is not received on or before the sixth (6th) day of when it is due will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee. Any payment, plus the \$25.00 late fee, that is not received by the fifteenth (15th) day in the month it is due will result in student withdrawal from school - effective on the twentieth (20th) day of that month.

*Any other method of payment must be requested in writing to Dr. Bruce Borchers, Superintendent stating the reasons why an exception to board policy should be allowed. Approval of an alternative payment plan must be obtained prior to the due date of your first payment.

Payments should be mailed to Oak Ridge Schools Business Office, Attention: Gayle Jones, 304 New York Ave, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830. you have any questions, call Ms. Jones at 425- 9046. Payments for FY2024-2025 will be accepted beginning July 1, 2025

By signing this agreement, I certify that I am the legal custodial parent or legal guardian and that I assume all financial responsibility, as well as transportation for my child.

_____		_____	
Parent/Guardian's Name (Print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Student's Name	
_____	_____	_____	_____
	Student's School	Grade	
_____	_____		
Street Address	County		
_____	_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code	
Telephone: (Home) _____		(Work) _____	
		(Email) _____	

Approved April, 2025