## STUDENTS Regulation 2240

# Admission and Withdrawal

# Admission and Tuition - Non-Resident Students

The following students who are not residents may enroll without payment of tuition:

1. Orphaned children or children with only one living parent.
2. Children whose parents/guardians do not contribute to the support of the child.
3. Children who participate in an American Field Service or similar foreign exchange program subject to Charter School approval and provided that the student resides in the home of a resident.
4. Children whose parent/guardian owns real property within the Charter School attendance area, but who reside outside of charter school boundaries. Such children may attend school upon payment of tuition, which will be reduced by the amount of real estate tax paid by the child's parent/ guardian for school purposes.
5. Children whose parents/guardians own and reside upon property at least eighty (80) acres of which are used for agricultural purpose, provided at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the property is within the Charter School boundaries.

6. Inter-district desegregation students.

7. Students of Charter School teachers or regular school employees.

8. Homeless students.

9. Wards of the state.

10. Students placed in a residential care facility.

11. Students attending regional or cooperative alternative education programs.

The administration may investigate the eligibility of children attending schools under the provisions of this regulation.

**Admission of Students from Unaccredited School Districts**

The Charter School will accept students seeking to transfer enrollment from a school in the same or adjoining county that has been declared unaccredited by the State of Missouri in accordance with the following guidelines:

**Tuition**

The Board of the Charter School that has been declared unaccredited will be responsible for payment of tuition to the school for each transfer student(s) accepted under this policy. The rate of tuition will be calculated in accordance with the school’s per pupil cost, calculated in accordance with Missouri Revised Statute §167.131. Tuition from the transferring school must be received by the beginning of each semester.

**Applications for Enrollment**

Parents or legal guardians seeking to transfer the enrollment of their child(ren) to the Charter School in accordance with this policy, must be a resident of a school district that has been declared unaccredited. The term “resident” will be interpreted in accordance with Missouri law. Upon a request for transfer to the Charter School pursuant to this policy, the Charter School has the right to seek information verifying the student’s residency status in the unaccredited district.

Parents or legal guardians seeking to transfer enrollment to the Charter School must send notification to their school of residence and the school of their intent to enroll their child(ren). Applications for enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year must be received in the Charter School’s Central Office by August 1st and by February 1st of each year thereafter.

Parents or legal guardians seeking enrollment in the Charter School pursuant to this policy will be required to complete enrollment forms and provide information related to residency, academic, age, immunization, health, student discipline status, and other eligibility prerequisites as established by Board policies, rules and regulations, and by state law. Students will not be permitted to enroll in the Charter School pursuant to this policy if the student has been convicted or charged with any offense outlined in the Missouri Safe Schools Act, §167.171 RSMo.

Applications for enrollment will be considered in order of receipt by the Charter School’s Central Office. The Charter School will give preference to siblings of current transfer students already attending the school. Nonresident students from unaccredited schools may be permitted to attend the Charter School based upon capacity and availability of space in student grade level.

Availability is based upon school class size and student-teacher ratios. Based upon an average class size at grade level for the previous five years, the acceptable average class size at grade level is:

* Kindergarten 18-20
* Grades 1-2 20-22
* Grades 3-5 23-25
* Grades 6-8 20-25
* Grades 9-12 20-25

School placement will be determined solely at the Principal or his/her designee’s discretion.

**Transportation**

The Charter School is not responsible for transportation of students enrolling from an unaccredited school. If the unaccredited school has selected the Charter School as a school to which it will provide transportation, it is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to make transportation arrangements with their home school district.

**Activities**

As provided, regulations of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) students transferring from an unaccredited high school pursuant to §167.241 are eligible to participate in interscholastic MSHSAA activities sponsored by the receiving Charter School. However, the Charter School will not provide transportation to student transfers related to activity practice.

**Reaccreditation**

If the unaccredited school where a student resides regains its accreditation, the student may remain in the Charter School only until the end of the current school year, subject to the payment of tuition by the unaccredited school.