



School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

BOARDING ALLOWANCE

Policy No. 3543.1

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Preamble

While the Board of Education is committed to maintaining rural schools, the Board realizes that there are situations where students, with the support of their parents, must or prefer to attend school in Williams Lake or 100 Mile House to access educational courses and/or programs.

Policy

The Board of Education will pay boarding allowance on behalf of school age students whose grade and/or program requirements are not offered in their home communities, as long as the student is attending public school within School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) and as defined in the attached regulations.

"School age" means the age between the date on which a person is permitted under section 3 (1) to enroll in an educational program provided by a board and the end of the school year in which the person reaches the age of 19 years" as defined in the *School Act*.

Regulations

1. Boarding allowance will be available to the parents/guardians of students living in the communities that attend the following rural schools:
 - Anahim Lake
 - Naghtaneqed
 - Dog Creek
 - Tatla Lake
 - Alexis Creek
 - Likely
2. Boarding allowance will be available to the parents/guardians of students living in the community of Horsefly whose permanent residence is greater than 15 km's one way past the secondary school bus stop daily service.
3. Boarding allowance may be available to the parents/guardians of students who seek a specialized program/training in an alternate community within School District No. 27.
4. Parents or guardians requesting boarding allowance must make application to the Superintendent of Schools or designate on the form available for that purpose on an annual basis coinciding with the school year.

5. Each application will be examined and adjudicated prior to approval by the Superintendent of Schools or designate and when appropriate with the Director of Instruction – First Nations Education based on the following criteria:
 - a. The secondary student is enrolled in a program approved by both the school principal nearest the student's home and the receiving school principal.
 - b. Students attending the GROW Centre must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of 20 hours per week or be meeting the expectations of an academic program as deemed by the Principal;
6. Monthly boarding allowance payments will be paid to the parent/legal guardian, commencing the beginning of the month application is made, based on the attendance of the student as follows:
 - a. For students in attendance at regular schools, the amount to be paid is determined by the number of unexcused absences for the month:
 - i. The number of unexcused absences is subtracted from the maximum number of days of possible attendance which is the attendance for the month.
 - ii. The amount of boarding allowance to be paid is determined by calculating the ratio of the days attended divided by the possible days of attendance for that month multiplied by the maximum amount of boarding allowance.
7. An acceptable level of school attendance must be maintained by the student for boarding allowance payments to continue.
8. The amount of boarding allowance to be paid will be at a rate determined by the Board of Education. This rate will be reviewed periodically by the Board.
 - a. Rates will be pro-rated as follows:
 - i. First child in the family residence: 100% of rate
 - ii. Second child in the family residence: 60% of rate
 - iii. Third and subsequent child in the family residence: 40% of rate.
9. The parent or legal guardian of the student must continue to reside in the community of permanent residence as determined for taxation purposes, within School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin). However parents or legal guardians, who decide to maintain a second residence in Williams Lake or 100 Mile House for the purpose of providing housing for a student who meets the above criteria, will be paid boarding allowance. Proof of permanent residence status in the home community, as determined for taxation purposes, may be required.

10. Students who are eligible for boarding support from another source will be paid at 50% of the monthly rate as prescribed by the Board in this regulation.
11. Boarding allowance will not be paid until the request is approved by the Superintendent of Schools or designate.
12. A parent/guardian may appeal the decision of the Superintendent of Schools or designate as defined in Policies 1150 and 1312 and by Bylaw B2706.