

County Board OKs Access To Out-Of-District Students
Division To Continue Program A Second Year

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LACEY SPRING — Students from outside Rockingham County Schools will have the option again next year to apply to attend school in the division.

The Rockingham County School Board voted 5-0 Monday to continue a program approved in June that allows students from other districts to apply to attend a county school.

Cheryl Mast, the division's director of finance, said the program was successful in its first year and Superintendent Carol Fenn recommended the board approve the practice once again for the 2013-14 school year.

The policy was created due to community interest and made feasible by a drop in student enrollment.

To attend school in the county, nonresident students must submit an application, pay \$3,000 in tuition and reapply each year.

"We've had a successful year with this tuition," Mast told the board Monday.

Accepted children were sent to schools closest to their residence, unless designated to another school due to limited space.

For the current school year, five students from outside Rockingham County — two students at the elementary level, one student at the middle-school level and two students in high school — are enrolled in the division.

Two of the students hail from Harrisonburg and three come from Augusta County.

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