



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND BOARDING ALLOWANCE POLICY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Yukon Education provides support to students who are Yukon residents and are required to live away from home to attend a Yukon school.

Yukon Resident Students Required to Live Away from Home to Attend School

Under the *Education Act* and the *Student Residences and Boarding Programs Regulations*, if a student who is a Yukon resident is required to live away from home to attend a Yukon school, Yukon Education must provide the student with accommodation or a boarding allowance for the student's accommodation.

When Yukon Education provides accommodation, it may require that the Yukon resident student or the parent of the student pay a part of the 'accommodation fee' prescribed by the Minister, but the part of the accommodation fee that the student must pay cannot exceed \$150.00 per month.

The amount of the boarding allowance is determined annually by Yukon Education (refer to Appendix 1 for the boarding allowance amount).

Refer to Appendix 2 for a listing of grade levels offered in schools outside of Whitehorse.

Non-Yukon Resident Students Requesting to Attend a Yukon School

The Act and Regulations also provide that if a student who is not a resident of the Yukon (under ss.11(3) of the Act) requests to attend an educational program at a school in the Yukon, tuition fees and other costs may be levied for the student to attend the school. In these circumstances Yukon Education may provide the student with accommodation, and may require that the student or the parent of the student pay the 'accommodation fee' for non-Yukon resident students prescribed by the Minister.

International Students Requesting to Attend a Yukon School

A student who is charged tuition fees to attend a Yukon school under a Yukon Education international student program is not eligible for accommodation or a boarding allowance for the student's accommodation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction and guidelines for determining whether a student is entitled to a boarding allowance or for accommodation at the Gadzoosdaa Student Residence in Whitehorse.

DEFINITIONS

'Parent' means the biological parents, the adoptive parents by custom or otherwise, the persons legally entitled to custody, or the persons who usually have the care and control of the student.

POLICY STATEMENT

A. Boarding Allowances

Eligibility Criteria

A student is entitled to a boarding allowance if all of the following criteria are met:

- the student is a Yukon resident who is required to live away from home to attend a Whitehorse secondary school;
- the student is not receiving accommodation at the Gadzoosda Student Residence; and
- the student temporarily resides, for the duration of the school term, with one or both of their parents in a temporary private residence in the attendance area of a Whitehorse secondary school.

An eligible student is entitled to a boarding allowance in the amount specified in Appendix 1 for each month that the school the student is enrolled in session, provided that the student is attending the school.

The amount of the boarding allowance must be reviewed and determined by Yukon Education on an annual basis.

When an eligible student has an unexcused absence from school, the boarding allowance may be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

B. Accommodation at the Gadzoosda Student Residence

Eligibility Criteria

A student may be eligible for accommodation at the Gadzoosda Student Residence if they meet all of the following criteria:

- the student must be enrolled in Grade 10, 11, or 12 on a full-time basis;
- the student must be eighteen years old or younger at the beginning of the school year;
- the student must be a Yukon resident who ordinarily resides outside of the attendance areas of the Whitehorse secondary schools (for the purposes of this provision, this includes a student who ordinarily resides in Atlin, B.C.).

A student is not eligible for accommodation at the Gadzoosda Student Residence if at least one of the student's parents permanently resides in the attendance area of one of the Whitehorse secondary schools.

Priority for Admission

Students will be considered for accommodation at the Gadzoosda Student Residence based on the following order of priority:

1. First priority is given to students who are Yukon residents who ordinarily reside in a community where there is no Grade 10, 11, or 12 program offered and who wish to register as a full-time Grade 10, 11 or 12 student at a Whitehorse secondary school program. From among this group, priority is given to students who will begin attending school at the beginning of the school year.
2. Second priority is given to students who are Yukon residents who ordinarily reside outside of the attendance areas of the Whitehorse secondary schools and are enrolled at the Wood Street Annex on a full-time basis for a minimum of one semester.
3. Third priority is given to students who ordinarily reside in Atlin, B.C. who are attending a Whitehorse secondary school program.

Students who are Yukon residents and ordinarily reside outside of the attendance areas of the Whitehorse secondary schools who are enrolled at the Wood Street Annex are eligible for accommodation at the Gadzoosda Student Residence only for the duration of the Wood Street Annex program in which they are enrolled.

New applicants for accommodation cannot displace students who are already resident at the Gadzoosda Student Residence and are enrolled in a Whitehorse secondary school program.

All students receiving accommodation at the Gadzoosda Student Residence must at all times comply with the requirements set out in the Gadzoosda Student Residence Handbook.

C. Alternative Education Programming

A school that does not have designated secondary school level programming (grades 10, 11 and 12) may offer alternative education programming to students (e.g. distance education, alternative learning centre). A student is still eligible for a boarding allowance or student accommodation at the Gadzoosdaa Student Residence even if alternative programming is in place in their community of residence.

Refer to Appendix 2 for a listing of grade levels offered in schools outside of Whitehorse.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Area Superintendent Is responsible for determining whether a student is entitled to a boarding allowance or admission to the Gadzoosdaa Student Residence.

The Director, Finance and Administration is responsible reviewing the amount of the boarding allowance on an annual basis and making a recommendation to the Deputy Minister to establish the amount of the boarding allowance for the year.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all staff of Yukon Education and to all students and parents of students who may be eligible for a boarding allowance or for accommodation at the Gadzoosdaa Student Residence.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where the individual circumstances of a case are such that the provisions of this policy cannot be applied or to do so would result in an unfair or an unintended result, the decision may be based on the individual merits and justice of the situation. Such a decision will be considered for that specific case only and will not be precedent setting.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective August 1, 2013

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY REFERENCES

Education Act ss. 6 (1) (g); s. 11; s. 14; s. 48.

Student Residences and Boarding Programs Regulations (O.I.C. 1991/073)

Appendix 1 – Boarding Allowance Amount

Appendix 2 – Grade Levels in Community Schools Outside Whitehorse

HISTORY

Student Living Allowance Policy and Gadzoosdaa Student Residence Admissions Policy (both effective November 15, 2005); amended by Student Accommodation and Boarding Allowance Policy, effective August 1, 2013.

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Appendix 1 – Boarding Allowance Amount

BOARDING ALLOWANCES - 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

A student is entitled to a boarding allowance if the criteria set out in the 'Student Accommodation and Boarding Allowance Policy' are met.

The amount of the boarding allowance must be reviewed and determined by Yukon Education on an annual basis.

The Director, Finance and Administration is responsible reviewing the amount of the boarding allowance on an annual basis and making a recommendation to the Deputy Minister to establish the amount of the boarding allowance for the year.

An eligible student is entitled to a boarding allowance in the amount of **\$270.00** for each month that the school the student is enrolled in session, provided that the student is attending the school.

When an eligible student has an unexcused absence from school, the boarding allowance may be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

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Appendix 2 – Grade Levels in Community Schools Outside Whitehorse

YUKON SCHOOLS – Grade Levels in Community Schools Outside Whitehorse

Community	School Name	Grade Levels
Beaver Creek	Nelnah Bessie John School	K – 9 (no grade 10, 11, 12)
Carmacks	Tantalus School	K – 12
Carcross	Ghùch Tlà Community School	K – 9 (no grade 10, 11, 12)
Dawson City	Robert Service School	K – 12
Destruction Bay	Kluane Lake School	K – 8 (no grade 9, 10, 11, 12)
Faro	Del Van Gorder School	K – 12
Haines Junction	St Elias Community School	K – 12
Mayo	J. V. Clark School	K – 12
Old Crow	Chief Zzeh Gittlit School	K – 9 (no grade 10, 11, 12)
Pelly Crossing	Eliza Van Bibber School	K – 12
Ross River	Ross River School	K – 10 (no grade 11, 12)
Teslin	Teslin School	K – 9 (no grade 10, 11, 12)
Watson Lake	Johnson Elementary School Watson Lake Secondary School	K – 7 8 – 12
Whitehorse	11 Elementary Schools 3 Secondary Schools Ecole Emilie Tremblay Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Wood Street Centre Teen Parent Centre	K – 3 , K – 7 8 – 12 K – 12 9 – 12 9 – 12 8 – 12