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03.03.03 Partial Tuition Support	Revised: 1982, 05/1988, 11/1993, 11/1999, 11/2018, 09/2021

03.03.03 PARTIAL TUITION SUPPORT

The Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College (Board) recognizes its obligation to provide partial tuition support to citizens of District 525 to attend instructional programs not available at Joliet Junior College. This responsibility is established by the Illinois Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805/6-2], Illinois Compiled Statutes, 1992, which states:

“If a resident of a community college district wishes to attend the community college maintained by the district of their residence but the program in which the student wishes to enroll is not offered by that community college, and the community college maintained by the district of their residence does not have a contractual agreement under Section 3-40 of this Act for such program, the student may attend any recognized public community college in some other district, subject to the provisions of Section 3-17, and have their tuition, as defined herein, paid by the community college district of their residence while enrolled in a program at that college which is not offered by their home community college if they make an application to their home board at least 30 days prior to the beginning of any semester, quarter or term in accordance with rules, regulations and procedures established and published by their home board. The payment of tuition by their district of residence may not exceed the per capita cost of the community college attended for the previous year, or in the case of the first year of operation the estimated per capita cost, less certain deductions to be computed in the manner set forth above for the community college tuition to be charged to the district of the student’s residence.”

In 2017, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) took over the administration of the [Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Education Resources \(CAREER\)](#) program. By the end of the spring semester of 2017, all 39 community college districts had signed on to the agreement and the agreement superseded all previous cooperative agreements. While in effect, the CAREER program eliminates the need for chargebacks, as

outlined below. At which time a community college withdraws from the CAREER program, the following chargeback process will be utilized.

**Chargebacks**

The approval of District 525 funds for the support of tuition for a resident of District 525 to attend another community college district for the pursuit of an educational program will be based upon the judgment of the College President and/or their designated representative in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A. If a student wishes to take a curriculum of studies not offered in the home community college district, but offered in another public Illinois community college district, the home community college district will pay the non-resident portion of the tuition while the student is enrolled in such a program. The President or designee of the College shall have the right to exercise judgment in determining whether or not the curriculum of studies offered by other community colleges are in essence curriculums that lead to the same educational goals.
- B. The pursuit of individual courses, even though not offered by Joliet Junior College, will not be considered for partial tuition support unless extenuating circumstances exist for the individual making application. The judgment of what constitutes extenuating circumstances will be made by the President of the College or designee. All judgments of this nature shall be final. In instances where the receiving community college is willing to waive the out-of-district tuition charge to allow a District 525 resident to take individual courses without enrolling in an associate degree or certificate program, District 525 has no obligation and need not be involved in the approval process.
- C. Partial tuition support obligations engaged in by high school districts annexed to the Joliet Junior College District as of July 1, 1974, will be carried forward by District 525. In many instances, such arrangements for partial tuition support will involve persons attending other colleges enrolled in programs offered at Joliet Junior College. Such enrollment and support of District 525 shall in no way be interpreted as a precedent for any future support and will be continued only as long as individuals previously approved maintain their attendance and program majors.
- D. Enrollment in general studies, community education courses, or developmental course work will not be considered for partial tuition support.
- E. Requests for partial tuition support must be submitted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first day of classes at that semester or that summer term at Joliet Junior College.
- F. Payment to other community college districts shall be made upon the receipt of a billing from that district identifying the individual for which payment is requested as well as the courses and major for each individual. This verification must come in the form of a statement signed by an appropriate administrative officer at the college requesting payment.

The provisions of this policy shall be alterable only by the action of the Board or through the means of cooperative agreements with other community colleges, duly approved by the Board of Trustees of both institutions.