

Designation of School Districts to Receive Duquesne City  
School District's Junior and Senior High School Students  
24 P.S. § 16-1607

The Duquesne City School District (Duquesne) eliminated its senior high school program in 2007. Section 14 of the act of July 20, 2007 (P. L. 278, No. 45) (Act 45) governed the reassignment of Duquesne's senior high school students until Act 45 was struck down by the Commonwealth Court in 2010. In part, Act 45 authorized the Secretary of Education to designate two or more school districts to accept Duquesne's high school students. Under Act 45, then-Secretary of Education Gerald Zahorchak designated two school districts, the East Allegheny School District (East Allegheny) and the West Mifflin Area School District (West Mifflin), to accept Duquesne's senior high school students on a tuition basis.

Shortly after Act 45 was struck down, the act of November 23, 2010 (P. L. 1350, No. 123) (Act 123) was enacted. The enactment of Act 123 resulted in significant amendments to section 1607 of the Public School Code of 1949 (School Code), 24 P.S. § 16-1607. Section 1607 of the School Code which governs the reassignment of high school students when certain school districts do not operate a high school authorizes the Secretary of Education to designate two or more school districts to accept Duquesne's high school students. When Act 123 was enacted, East Allegheny and West Mifflin were designated to continue to receive Duquesne's senior high school students.

In 2012, Duquesne sought and received the approval of the Department of Education (Department) to alter/curtail its junior high school program (grades 7 and 8). Accordingly, on July 9, 2012, East Allegheny and West Mifflin were designated to also receive Duquesne's junior high school students under section 1607 of the School Code

The designation of East Allegheny and West Mifflin to receive Duquesne's junior and senior high school students remains unchanged.

As required under section 1607(d) of the School Code, the Department provides the following information regarding the assignment of Duquesne's 7-12 grade students to East Allegheny and West Mifflin.

Assignment of Students

- Students entering grades 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 shall be assigned to the same district to which they were assigned during the previous school year.
  
- Students entering grades 7 have the opportunity to select the district—East Allegheny or West Mifflin—they wish to attend. Students entering grades 7 shall be assigned to the district that they select.
  
- Private, religious or charter school students who wish to enroll in Duquesne and attend East Allegheny or West Mifflin must register as Duquesne students at the Duquesne Education Center to be assigned to either East Allegheny or West Mifflin.

- Students transferring into Duquesne will be given a choice between East Allegheny and West Mifflin and will be assigned to the district they choose.

Per-Pupil Tuition Rate

The per-pupil tuition rates that the designated districts received or shall receive are as follows:

	<b><u>East Allegheny</u></b>	<b><u>West Mifflin</u></b>
	Section 1607 Secondary <u>Tuition Rate</u>	Section 1607 Secondary <u>Tuition Rate</u>
2007-08	\$8,811.22	\$9,060.25
2008-09	\$9,039.50	\$9,294.46
2009-10	\$9,220.29	\$9,480.35
2010-11	\$9,404.70	\$9,669.96
2011-12 base	\$8,922.24	\$9,082.03
2011-12 total *	\$9,422.24	\$9,582.03
2012-13 grades 10-12	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
2012-13 grades 7-9 **	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
2013-14 grades 10-12	\$10,322.40	\$10,322.40
2013-14 grades 7-9 **	\$10,822.40	\$10,822.40
2014-15 rate	\$10,673.36	\$10,673.36
2015-16 rate	\$11,041.70	\$11,041.70
2016-17 rate	\$11,472.33	\$11,472.33

\* Added \$500 pursuant to 1607(h) for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years.

\*\* Added \$500 pursuant to proposed 1607(h.1) for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years.