

ADMISSION OF TUITION AND NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Non-resident students may only attend district schools when their attendance has been approved by the Board. If the Board agrees to enroll a non-resident student, the District will either charge tuition to the parent or, alternatively, the Superintendent may seek to enter into an agreement for the payment of tuition with the school district in which the student resides.

If a student's parents are divorced and the student lives primarily out-of-district, the student may nonetheless attend schools within the District and be considered a resident of the District for school attendance purposes, provided: (1) the divorce decree allows the student to attend the District; (2) or provided the parents have agreed in writing that the student may attend the District and such written agreement is provided to the District. Students in this situation will not be charged tuition.

In a divorce decree, or parenting plan developed pursuant to RSA 461-A, a child's legal residence for school attendance purposes may be the school district in which either parent resides, provided the parents agree in writing to the District the child will attend and each parent furnishes a copy of the agreement to the school district in which the parent resides.

Transportation will not necessarily be provided for students admitted under this provision and under corresponding law. The Superintendent or designee will make all determinations as to whether transportation will be provided in such circumstances. The Superintendent or designee's decision will be final.

Upon the admission of a non-resident student to the District, the Superintendent or designee will immediately notify the student's school district of residence of the student's name, date of birth, address, and grade assignment of the student. This notification shall also be made at the beginning of each -school year for which the student is enrolled.

The Board acknowledges the provisions of RSA 193:3 which states that the District in which the student resides shall retain all responsibility for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA 186-C.

The Board's decision on whether to enroll a non-resident student will not be based, in whole or in part, on whether that student is a student with a disability, as defined by applicable state or federal law.

Tuition rates will be charged at a rate set by the Board and billed quarterly in advance to the district of residence or parent responsible for payment. When a district of residence is responsible for tuition, approval must be that district's school board.

Under normal circumstances, the district will not provide transportation to and from school for non-resident and tuition students at district expense. However, the district may assist parents in finding and procuring transportation services for their children.

The provisions of this policy may be modified on a case-by-case basis, as needed, pursuant to separate contracts, agreements and other binding arrangements.

If a student in grades K-11 leaves the school district during the first three quarters of the year, the parent may submit a request in writing to the School Board if they desire to have the student remain in the school district for the remainder of the school year. If the Board approves, the parent will be liable for the prorated tuition payment to the school district, the amount to be determined by the number of days remaining in the school year. The Board will consider what is best for both the student and the school district.

If a student in Grades K-11 leaves the residency of the school district during the last quarter of the school year and upon the recommendation of the administration, the School Board may waive tuition for the quarter.

A student in Grade 12-who is subject to a residency change during his/her last school year may request in writing for permission to complete his/her senior year in Laconia. The Board, upon the recommendation of the administration, may waive tuition for that final year.

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