

**DESIGNATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS/TRANSPORTATION/GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Designated High Schools:

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-33, the Norwich Board of Education designates the Norwich Free Academy, Ledyard High School, Bacon Academy, Ledyard Vocational Agriculture Program, New London Science & Technology Magnet High School, Marine Science Magnet High School (Groton), Norwich Regional Technical High School, Ella Grasso Technical High School (Groton), Windham Technical High School, Three Rivers Middle College, Griswold High School, Waterford High School and ACT Arts Magnet High School (Windham), as the designated high schools for Norwich residents. In accordance with the terms of this policy, the Board will pay the tuition (if applicable) and provide transportation for eligible Norwich students who attend any of the designated high schools. High school students, residing in Norwich, are expected to meet graduation requirements set forth by the high school in which they attend.

Statement of Preference for Incoming Freshmen:

Prior to the beginning of their freshman year, students shall indicate their preference for the high school they wish to attend through their Middle School Guidance Department. Subject to the terms of this policy and to any limitations on enrollment imposed by the boards of education operating the designated high schools, or other legal or contractual requirements of the Board, the Superintendent shall seek to enroll each student in their preferred high school. If a student is not granted enrollment at his/her preferred high school, the Superintendent shall seek to enroll the student at the Board's other designated high schools, in the order of such student's preference, until the student has been enrolled at a designated high school.

Exceptions:

In accordance with state law, high school students may enroll in charter and magnet high school programs. When such programs are located within the boundaries of the school district, or listed as a designated high school, the Board will provide transportation. When such programs are located outside the boundaries of the school district, and are not listed as a designated high school, the district will not provide transportation.

In accordance with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), students eligible for services under the IDEA may be placed by a Planning and Placement Team ("PPT") in a particular designated high school if the PPT determines that the student's preferred high school(s) does not have an appropriate program suitable to the student's educational needs. The Board shall also permit a mid-year transfer for an IDEA eligible student to a different designated high school, when recommended by a student's PPT. Such placement or transfer described in this section shall be based upon the student's Individualized Education Program ("IEP") and the recommendation of the student's PPT that such placement and/or transfer is necessary to provide the student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. High school students requiring attendance at a special education out-of-district placement will be required to meet

the graduation requirements for Norwich Free Academy unless otherwise determined by the Planning and Placement Team.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-33 Tuition in towns in which no high school is maintained.

10-55 Pupils to attend regional school.

10-253 School privileges for children in certain placements, nonresident children and children in temporary shelters.

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Norwich, Connecticut