

6125: Non-Resident Students

- 6125.1 The committee may accept for enrollment in the regional district school pupils from towns other than the member towns on such terms as it may determine.
- 6125.2 Non-resident students are those whose homes are outside the school district.
- 6125.3 Should the district have school choice, non-resident students will be accepted in accordance with the district's parameters developed in compliance with the regulations and guidelines of the Department of Education.
- 6125.4 The following shall apply in the absence of school choice:
- 6125.41 Non-resident students shall be accepted if they have the ability, educational preparation, and appropriate behavioral background as determined by the principal, and provided that no section to which such students will be assigned will contain more than the desired number of students.
 - 6125.42 Parents or legal guardians of students who expect to reside in the district during the school year will petition the Superintendent in writing requesting the right to enroll. If the student is a resident of the district on or before October 1, then the appropriate town will be charged under the operating costs within the budget. If the student is not a resident by October 1, there will be no assessment charge the first year.
 - 6125.43 Parents or legal guardians of students who are non-residents will have until October 1 to prove a commitment towards residency (lease, rental agreement, closing date, etc.) Those who wish to enroll students after October 1 and will establish residency after October 1 may petition the Superintendent in writing provided that a commitment towards residency has been established. The Superintendent may grant enrollment subject to the conditions as outlined in Policy 6125 being met including the parents/guardians being responsible for transportation.
 - 6125.44 Students who no longer reside in the district after October 1 will be allowed to continue their education (if the parents/legal guardians so request in writing to the Superintendent) provided that it is understood that the parents/legal guardians are responsible for transportation to and from school.
 - 6125.45 Elementary students who move to another town within the Central Berkshire Regional School District prior to October 1 will be expected to transfer to the local school. If a student moves to another town located within the C.B.R.S.D. after October 1, he/she can complete the school year at their original school if the parents/guardians request this in writing to the Superintendent and are willing to provide transportation.
- 6125.5 The following shall apply to the acceptance of the provisions of School Choice:

It is the policy of the Central Berkshire Regional School District to admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Intra-District School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12), in order to enrich the educational experience of Central Berkshire Students by providing a more diverse student population and additional funding for the educational program of the District.

- 6125.51 The Superintendent will recommend to the School Committee of school choice openings based on projected enrollment for the following school year by January 31st. Anytime there is a change recommended in this information, it will be brought to School Committee for approval.
- a. The capacity shall be determined by the administration on a year to year basis. The expected enrollment for a specific grade in a school is the number of students presently enrolled (both resident and non-resident) who will enter that grade in September, plus the largest number of summer registrations that grade has experienced in the past ten years.
 - b. Existing staffing levels will continue.

- 6125.52 Before June 1 of each year, if consideration is being given to withdrawing from the provisions of the School Choice Law, a public hearing will be held.
- 6125.53 Notification of School Choice openings will be made public immediately following the January 31st notification to School Committee. The Central Berkshire Regional School District affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance or proficiency in the English language. However, a school record indicating consistent serious discipline problems may be grounds to rescind an admission decision.
- 6125.54 School Choice applications will be reviewed for the first time on March 1st. Decisions will be made by March 15th. If more applications are received at that time than spots available, they will be reviewed in the order that they were submitted with preference given to siblings. Applications received after March 15th will be reviewed on a rolling basis. School choice decisions are made by the Superintendent's Office.
- 6125.55 Any student who is accepted for admission under the provisions of this policy is entitled to remain in the District until graduation from high school, except if there is a lack of funding of the program. A non-resident student who moves into the District will transfer to the appropriate school for his or her new residence.
- 6125.56 A non-resident student admitted under this policy is eligible for transportation from and to a **regular** bus stop on a **space available basis**. **The parent or guardian is responsible for transportation to and from the regular bus stop.**

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