

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salem, Connecticut

STUDENTS

NONRESIDENT ATTENDANCE

The Board of Education may approve requests for school attendance at Salem School for children living outside the district. Tuition will be charged at the appropriate rate.

Transportation beyond that normally provided for students living in the district shall not be provided for students living outside the district.

The Board of Education may waive tuition:

1. A family moves from the district after April 1st of the school year; however, if parents so request, a child may complete the marking period regardless of when the family moves from town.
2. A family residing outside of a district has firm plans to move into the school district within the current school year as evidenced by a contract to buy, build, rent, or lease; approval shall not exceed 3 calendar months.

Nonresident Attendance With Tuition:

Nonresident students who do not meet one or more criteria listed above may attend the Salem School only with tuition payment. The Superintendent may approve nonresident student attendance with tuition if class size, transportation, and other considerations permit. Nonresident approval with tuition shall be for one school year or less. Tuition rates will be established by the Board annually.

Attendance by a nonresident student may be terminated by Board of Education action, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, if the Board deems such termination is in the best interest of the school district. An adjustment of tuition on a per diem basis will be made in this instance.

Evidence of Residency:

The Superintendent or his/her designee may require documentation of family and/or student residency, including affidavits, provided that prior to a request for evidence of residency the parent or guardian, relative or non-relative shall be provided with a written statement of why there is reason to believe such student may not be entitled to attend school in the district. An affidavit may require a statement or statements with documentation that there is bonafide student residence in the district, that residence is intended to be permanent, that it is provided without pay, and that is not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations.

Removal of Nonresident Student from District Schools

If after careful review of affidavits and other available evidence, the Superintendent or his/her designee believes that a student is not entitled to attend local schools, the parent or guardian shall be informed in writing that, as of a particular date, the student may no longer attend Salem School, and the Superintendent shall notify the Board of Education where the child should attend school if known. If after review district residency is established by the evidence the parent or guardian shall be so informed.

If a student is removed from Salem School for residency reasons the Superintendent or his/her designee shall:

1. Inform the parent or guardian of hearing rights before the Board of Education if requested in writing by the parent or guardian.
2. That upon request, a transcript of the hearing will be provided.
3. That a local Board of Education decision may be appealed to the State Board and that the student(s) may continue in local schools pending a hearing before the State Board if requested in writing by the parent or guardian.
4. That if the appeal to the State Board of Education is lost, a per diem tuition will be assessed for each day a student attended local schools when not eligible to attend.

Board of Education Hearing

Upon written request, the Board of Education shall provide a hearing within ten days after receipt of such request. If there is a hearing, the Board shall make a stenographic record of the hearing; shall make a decision on student eligibility to attend local schools within ten days after the hearing; and shall notify the parent or guardian of its findings. Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4-177 to 4-180 inclusive of CT General Statutes.

The Board shall, within ten days after receipt of notice of an appeal, forward the hearing record to the State Board of Education.

(cf. 3240 – Tuition Fees)

(cf. 5118.1 – Proof of Residency)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes: 4-176e through 4-185 Uniform Administrative Procedure Act. 10-186 Duties of local and regional board of education re: school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. 10-253 School privileges for children in certain placements, non-resident children, and children in temporary shelters.

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