

Non-Resident Admission

Non-resident students as defined in RSA 193:12 may be permitted to attend school in the Inter-Lakes School District with School Board approval under the following conditions:

1. Non-Resident Tuition Students Enrolled by Parents/Guardians:

The School Board may allow non-resident tuition students to be enrolled by their parents/guardians subject to the following requirements:

- A. Students are considered for acceptance on a first come, first served basis. To be accepted, a student must be in good standing in his/her current school. Final decisions on accepting tuition students will be made by the School Board, upon recommendation from the Principal/Superintendent. Approval by the School Board shall be on an annual basis for students at the elementary and middle grade levels, and students already attending the District must reapply each year if they wish to return. Approval by the School Board for a non-resident tuition student at the high school level shall be for the entirety of high school provided that all other parameters in this policy are met. All other grades, priority will be given as space allows, for students continuing as tuition students. Approval to attend school in the District will be withdrawn for any non-resident tuition student upon a determination by the School Board that the student's continued attendance is contrary to the best interests of the School District.
- B. The initial non-resident student and his/her parent/guardian must participate in an entry interview with at least one member of the Administrative Team and Guidance Department before he/she may attend school in the District.
- C. The student's needs can be well served by the budgeted District staff and programs, in the school the student will attend, and the student's attendance is not contrary to the best interests of the District. At the time of acceptance no class on the elementary and middle grade levels and no section in the secondary school courses to which the student will be assigned will contain more than the desired number of students as outlined in Policy #6151. The decision as to whether space is available for a non-resident tuition student is a discretionary decision to be made by the School Board after consultation with the Superintendent.
- D. The student will be subject to the same rules and discipline process as other students attending school in the District.
- E. The Superintendent may revoke the admission of a non-resident tuition student if it is determined that the District cannot meet the social, emotional, physical and/or academic needs of the student within existing programs and with existing staff, or for disciplinary reasons. Any non-resident tuition student, whose enrollment is terminated for disciplinary reasons, prior to the end of the school year, has the right to a hearing before the School Board. The decision of the Board is final.
- F. Parents will be responsible for transportation. However, if space is available and with approval from the Superintendent or designee, parents may transport their child to the nearest school bus stop.
- G. The District of residence shall be responsible for all special education costs as provided in R.S.A. 193:3, IV and R.S.A. 186-C:13, IV.

- H. Students who are accepted as tuition students must have an annual tuition contract signed by their parent and/or guardian.
 - I. The School Board decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.
 - J. Non-Resident students will be accepted only on an annual basis.
2. Former/Future Residents:
- A. Senior year Status:
Any student entering his/her senior year at Inter-Lakes High School, who had resided within the District and attended Inter-Lakes High School for the previous three years, shall be allowed to complete the school year on a tuition waiver basis. Good standing (academic and behavioral) is required for consideration.
 - B. Future Residents:
A student whose family is relocating to one of the three towns comprising the School District shall be granted up to a 45-day tuition waiver by the Superintendent of Schools if there have been unforeseen circumstances that delayed the relocation.
 - C. Former Residents:
A student whose family is moving out of the District prior to the end of the school year shall be granted a tuition waiver for up to 45 days by the Superintendent of Schools.
3. Non-Resident Tuition Fees:
- An annual tuition fee shall be established each year by the School Board. This fee shall be pro-rated when a student attends less than a full school year; in this case, the pro-rated tuition is calculated using a per-diem rate multiplied by the number of days the student is enrolled. The per-diem rate is calculated by dividing the annual tuition fee by 180. Parents will specify on the annual tuition contract whether their advance payment will be made monthly, quarterly or yearly. Requests for alternative payment options may be approved by the Superintendent or designee. Failure to pay the agreed upon non-resident tuition fee may result in the non-resident student's current and/or future attendance being revoked. If a non-resident student's admission is revoked, the parent will only be financially responsible for the days the student was enrolled.
4. Foreign Exchange Students:
- Students who have been sponsored by an established exchange program, recognized by the School Board and who are living with residents may be admitted by the School Board provided they meet the requirements of Policy #5118.2.
5. Tuition Agreements with Other School Districts:
- Reciprocal agreements may be established with other school districts governing the enrollment of children as recommended by the School Board. Such children shall be considered residents of the sending School District.
- When a sending District is responsible for tuition, approval must be received from the sending District School Board, in writing, by August 15 of the applicable school year or at some other time as mutually agreed upon by the parties. Additionally, tuition will be charged at a rate set by the Inter-Lakes School Board and billed quarterly in advance to the sending District responsible for payment, unless some other payment arrangement is agreed to by the parties. The District of residence shall be responsible for all special education costs as provided in R.S.A. 193:3, IV and R.S.A. 186-C:13, IV.
6. The School Board retains the right within its sole discretion to waive any provisions of this policy or any other policy on a case-by-case basis.

Legal References:

R.S.A. 193:12 Legal Residence Required

R.S.A. 186-C:13, IV Liability for Expenses

R.S.A. 193:3, IV (c) Change of School or Assignment

R.S.A. 21-N:11, III Duties of Board

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