

Policies

Westerly Public Schools Residency

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1. Policy

- 1.1 Only children who reside in Westerly, residency being defined by the Rhode Island General Laws 16-64-1, and who are legally under the control of the adults with whom they reside shall be allowed to attend the Westerly Public Schools.
- 1.2 Parents of non-resident children may request, in writing, from the Superintendent of Schools, permission for a child or children to attend Westerly Public Schools at a tuition rate established by the School Committee. Transportation for nonresident students will not be provided.
- 1.3 Parents or guardians who will be leaving Westerly prior to the end of the school year may request in writing, permission to allow their children to attend Westerly Public Schools in accordance with the provisions of Rhode Island General Law 16-64-8. When a student changes his/her residence during the course of a semester, the student shall be allowed to complete the semester in Westerly. If the student is a senior or about to enter his/her senior year the student shall be allowed to complete his/her senior year in Westerly as long as the student has sufficient credits which will enable him/her to graduate upon completion of one additional year.

Parents or guardians who will be moving to Westerly soon after the school year begins may request in writing, permission to allow their children to attend Westerly Public Schools. Said request must include any Purchase and Sale Agreement or Lease Agreement for the intended place of residence and a projected date of occupancy for the residence. Parents will be required to pay tuition beginning on the first day and must make, at a minimum, payment for the quarter. If the parents take up residency in the community within forty-five (45) school days from the start of school, the tuition will be refunded in full. If residency takes place after the forty-fifth (45th) school day, tuition will then be charged on a per diem rate for all days attended as a non-resident.

2. Procedure

- 2.1 Affidavit of Residence will be required to be completed by all enrolled students.
- 2.2 Each principal shall submit to the Superintendent of Schools the name of any students in his/her school whom he/she suspects may not be residents of Westerly.
- 2.3 The Superintendent shall investigate each referral to ensure residence requirements are enforced.

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