

## **ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS**

Non-resident students may only attend district schools when their attendance has been approved by the Board on a "space available" basis consistent with policies on class size, teacher load, etc.

### **INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS**

Individual non-resident pupils will be considered for acceptance in a district school upon written application by the parent or guardian. This application is to be made to the Superintendent and will need Board approval.

If the Board agrees to enroll a non-resident student, the District will either charge tuition to the parent/guardian or, alternatively, the Superintendent may seek to enter into an agreement for the payment of tuition with the school district in which the student resides.

If a student's parents/guardians are divorced and the student lives primarily out-of-district, the student may nonetheless attend schools within the District and be considered a resident of the District for school attendance purposes provided: (1) the divorce decree allows the student to attend the District; or (2) the parents/guardians have agreed in writing that the student may attend the District and such written agreement is provided to the District. Students in this situation will not be charged tuition.

In a divorce decree, or parenting plan developed pursuant to RSA 461-A, a child's legal residence for school attendance purposes may be the school district in which either parent/guardian resides, provided the parents/guardians agree in writing to the district the child will attend, and each parent/guardian furnishes a copy of the agreement to the school district in which the parent/guardian resides.

Transportation will not necessarily be provided for students admitted under this provision and under the corresponding law. The Superintendent or designee will make all determinations as to whether transportation will be provided in such circumstances. The Superintendent or designee's decision will be final.

Upon the admission of a non-resident student to the District, the Superintendent or designee will immediately notify the student's school district of residence of the student's name, date of birth, address, and grade assignment of the student. This notification shall also be made at the beginning of each school year for which the student enrolls.

The Board acknowledges the provisions of RSA 193:3 which state that the district in which the student resides shall retain all responsibility for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA 186-C.

The Board's decision on whether to enroll a non-resident student will not be based, in whole or in part, on whether that student is a student with a disability, as defined by applicable state or federal law.

Tuition rates will be charged at a rate set by the Board and billed quarterly in advance to the district of residence or parent/guardian responsible for payment. When a district of residence is responsible for tuition, approval must be provided by that district's school board.

Under normal circumstances, the district will not provide transportation to and from school for non-resident and tuition students at district expense. However, the district may assist parents/guardians in finding and procuring transportation services for their children.

CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES

Children of employees may attend schools in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District on a tuition basis and under the “space available” guidelines of this policy. An employee eligible for health benefits may forgo coverage and apply the employer’s share of those costs to the tuition cost of their child/children.

CONTRACTS

The School Board may enter into contracting tuition students on a district basis when facilities and conditions warrant.

The provisions of this policy may be modified on a case-by-case basis, as needed, pursuant to separate contracts, agreements, and other binding arrangements.

**Legal References:**

*RSA 186-C:13 Special Education: Liability for Expenses*

*RSA 193:12 Legal Residency Required*

*RSA 193:3 Change of School or Assignment, Manifest Educational Hardship or Best Interest, Excusing Attendance*

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