

NON-RESIDENT ATTENDANCE

I. Residency

Residency is best defined for the purposes of attendance as where the child's parents(s)/guardian(s) legally reside. Residency shall be determined in accordance with the District's Policy "Determination of Student Residency."

II. The Board of Education affirms that its primary responsibility is to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children who are legal district residents and who are of legal age to attend school.

III. The Superintendent is authorized to enroll a non-resident student without the payment of tuition in the following circumstances:

A. Future Residents

The children of families who have signed a contract to buy or build a residence in the school district, and provide reasonable proof thereof, may be enrolled during the semester in which they expect to become residents.

B. Former Residents

1. A student whose parent(s)/guardian(s) have moved out of the District will, upon proper application, be permitted to finish the current semester without the payment of tuition. Thereafter, the pupil will be required to pay tuition (as a non-resident student) for all subsequent semesters during which he/she attends the School District.
2. Regularly enrolled children of families who have moved out of the school district during the second semester of the school year may complete that school year. Such children enrolled in grade 11 may complete both grades 11 and 12.

C. If determination by the Superintendent is not successful an appeal may be made to the Board of Education.

IV. If a non-resident family wishes to enroll a student in Waterville Schools under circumstances other than those described in Section III of this policy, the family shall make an application to the Superintendent, and the Superintendent shall present the application to the Board with a recommendation. The Board shall decide whether to grant the application, keeping in mind its primary responsibility, as stated in Section II of this policy.

V. Non-resident students may be accepted based on the following:

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- A. No increase in the size of the faculty or staff will be necessary to accommodate them.
 - B. The Building Principal at the time of the application determines that no class at the specific grade level or academic area will contain more than the desired number of students.
 - C. Non-resident families must provide transportation for such student.
- VI. The District reserves the right to deny or revoke continued enrollment to non-resident students due to persistent disciplinary issues, failure to meet behavioral expectations, or chronic absenteeism. Additionally, non-resident students are expected to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress. Continued enrollment may be denied or revoked if there is evidence of sustained poor academic performance, despite intervention and communication with the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- VII. Tuition for Non-Residents
- A. The Board of Education will establish the tuition rate for non-resident students, in accordance with the guidelines established by the Commissioner of Education. Except as otherwise noted, all non-resident pupils will be charged a non-refundable tuition for attendance at the Waterville Central School District. The tuition rate will be established by the Board of Education on or before the annual re-organizational meeting.
 - B. Non-district residents who are taxpayers in the District, may credit their tuition bill against the amount of their annual school tax owed.
 - C. The parent, guardian or school district responsible for the payment of tuition for the non-resident student will be billed by the district. Tuition is due in full prior to the first day of classes.
 - D. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of tuition students will be expected to sign a tuition agreement in which the parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to make payment as outlined in “C”.
- VIII. Tuition shall not be charged to pupils from other nations who are living with District residents on a foreign exchange program that is approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Districts.
- IX. A copy of this policy shall be initially provided by the Superintendent to any possible non-resident student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s), when requested.

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- X. The status of all non-resident students shall be reviewed at the conclusion of each semester to determine compliance with District guidelines including attendance, behavior, academic performance, and tuition status.

- XI. The District reserves the right to limit, suspend, or discontinue acceptance of non-resident students at any time based on enrollment trends, staffing capacity, space availability, fiscal considerations, or changes in Board policy. This decision may apply to both new applicants and continuing students, subject to timely communication with affected families.

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