

ADMISSION OF TUITION AND NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Non-resident students may only attend District schools when their attendance has been approved by the Board. If the Board agrees to enroll a non-resident student, the District will either charge tuition to the parent 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. The Superintendent and/or designee is hereby authorized to develop and implement procedures consistent with this policy.

In deciding whether to accept a non-resident student, the Board may give consideration to the District's capacity and ability to meet the educational needs of the student. However, 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 and/or whether the student requires accommodations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If a student with special education needs is accepted, the District of residence will remain responsible for the provision and cost of special education and related services in accordance with RSA 193:3,IV(c) and RSA186-C:13,IV. Nothing in this policy will limit the ability of the Individual Education Program Team to recommend a change in placement for any non-resident student based on the student's educational needs.

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

Tuition for the Merrimack School District is set at the Average Cost per Pupil as determined by the New Hampshire Department of Education and posted on its website. Tuition will be billed quarterly in advance to the district of residence or parent responsible for payment. If there is an agreement for the payment of tuition by a district of residence, approval of the tuition rate must be obtained from that district's school board.

The District does not provide transportation at district expense to and from school or beyond the designated attendance areas for the school to which the student is assigned, for non-resident and tuition students

The School Board may make exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis, at its discretion, pursuant to separate contracts, agreements and other binding arrangements.

Legal References:

RSA 186-C:13,IV, Liability for Expenses

RSA 193:3, Change of School or Assignment

RSA 193:12, Legal Residence Required

Cross Reference:

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