

**ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS**

A student's residence for purpose of school enrollment is determined by the residence of the parent or legal guardian, as set forth in RSA 193:12, II. If the student's parents are divorced, residence will be determined pursuant to the divorce decree or parenting plan. See Policy JFAB (Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students).

All parents/legal guardians seeking to enroll a child for the first time in Merrimack must register at the school where they will be enrolled prior to the first day of school or prior to the first day of attendance if entering after the school year has begun. All new students must have proof of a physical examination completed within the past 12 months, immunization records and a copy of the student's birth certificate.

All parents/legal guardians seeking to enroll a student in the Merrimack School District must provide proof of residency satisfactory to the Superintendent or his/her designee. If questions regarding a new or previously enrolled student's legal residence arise, the Superintendent may require a parent or guardian to complete an Affidavit of Residency attesting to the student's legal residence in Merrimack. If the Superintendent determines that a student has been attending school in Merrimack whose legal residence is not in Merrimack, the matter may be referred to the School Board and the parents or legal guardians may be charged tuition in accordance with Policy JFAB for the period of such attendance.

Principals or their designees will meet with new children and parents to explain school programs.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop procedures consistent with this Policy.

**Legal References:**

RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent, Compulsory Attendance by Pupil

RSA 193:12 Legal Residence Required

**Cross Reference:**

Policy JFAB Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students

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