

**ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**

It is the policy of the board that no person shall attend school or send a pupil to school, in any district of which s/he does not reside, without the consent of the school board. (RSA 193:12)

1. The decision as to whether space is available for a non-resident tuition student is a discretionary decision to be made by the school board after consultation with the superintendent. The school board decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.
2. The school board will accept non-resident tuition students into the Newington School District only under the following circumstances:
  - a) The student's needs can be well served by the budgeted Newington Public School staff and programs, and the student's attendance is not contrary to the best interests of the Newington School District.
  - b) In deciding whether the student's needs can be well served, the factors to be considered by the school board include but are not limited to the following:
    - 1) Size of class to be entered;
    - 2) developmental needs of the class;
    - 3) impact of additional students on the total school population;
    - 4) future continuity of the educational program for the entering student.
  - c) To be accepted, a student must be in good standing in his/her current school.
3. All requests for admission must be made in writing to the school board.
4. A potential non-resident student and his/her parent/guardian must participate in an entry interview with the building administrator and at least one faculty member before he/she may attend Newington Public School.
5. The final decision on accepting a tuition student will be made by the school board, upon recommendation from the principal.
6. Admission will be granted for one year only, with re-application required for subsequent years. Preference will be given to students currently attending Newington Public School. The school board reserves the authority to



terminate enrollment of an out-of-district student during the year and/or to decline to allow a student to re-enroll for a subsequent year upon a determination by the school board that the student's continued attendance is contrary to the best interests of the school district. The school board decision not to re-enroll a student is final and not subject to appeal.

7. Non-resident students will be subject to the same rules and discipline process as other students attending Newington Public School.
8. A non-resident tuition student's enrollment may be terminated for disciplinary reasons, prior to the end of the school year, in which case the student has the right to a hearing before the school board. The decision of the school board is final.
9. The superintendent may revoke the admission of a non-resident tuition student if it is determined that the Newington Public School cannot meet the social, emotional, physical and/or academic needs of the student within existing programs and with existing staff. The superintendent's decision is final.
10. Parents will be solely responsible for transportation.
11. The district of residence shall be responsible for all special education costs as provided in RSA 193:3, IV and RSA 186-C:13, IV.
12. Students who are accepted as tuition students must have an annual tuition contract signed by their parents and/or guardians.
13. When a sending district is responsible for tuition, approval must be received from the sending district school board, in writing, by August 1st of the applicable school year. Additionally, tuition will be charged at a rate set by the school board of Newington and billed quarterly in advance to the sending district responsible for payment.
14. This policy shall be reviewed and tuition rates set annually by the school board in May of each year.

**Legal References:**

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

RSA 193:3, *Pupils: Change of School or Assignment*

RSA 193:12, *Pupils: Legal Residence Required*

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