

ADMISSION OF TUITION AND NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

No person shall attend school, or send a pupil to the school, in any district of which he is not a resident without the consent of the District or of the school board. (RSA 193:12)

Admission:

Pupils who do not legally qualify as "residents" of the School District in accordance with RSA 193:12, may request to attend schools in the Sunapee School District utilizing the following procedures:

Request for admission of non-resident students to Sunapee schools must be made through application by May first of each year. A committee will be appointed annually by the building principal to review all applications. In reviewing applications, the following criteria will be employed:

1. the educational needs of the applicant;
2. the applicant's prior commitment to education;
3. the applicant's prior behavioral record in school;
4. space availability

The applicant and his/her parents (legal guardians) may be required to interview with the committee. When a candidate's application is approved by the committee, the student will enter into the school as a regular member of the community and will be judged accordingly unless contractual arrangements have been previously made with specific conditions identifying behavioral and/or performance exceptions (IEP's). A decision to deny enrollment of a non-resident student shall not be based, in whole or in part, on whether such student is a child with a disability as defined in RSA 186-C:2,I, or a child that requires an accommodation under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The applicant's acceptance may be contingent on a one marking period trial basis. Should the applicant not show commitment, his/her stay at Sunapee may be terminated at that time. At the end of each school year, each non-resident student's progress will be reviewed and, if deemed necessary, will not be renewed. Once a decision is made, it is final and no appeal process will be used.

Tuition:

All non-resident pupils shall be charged tuition based on a per pupil cost formula determined annually in accordance with state law, and the tuition approved by the Sunapee School Board. When a sending district is responsible for tuition, the school districts shall enter into an agreement for payment of tuition. The tuition shall be billed quarterly in advance to the sending district or parent responsible for payment. The cost for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA:186-C shall be billed to the district in which the child resides as set forth in RSA 193:3,IV. Upon a child's enrollment, the Sunapee School District shall notify the district in which the child resides of the name, date of birth, address and grade assignment of the child. The same notification shall be made at the beginning of each school year for which the child is enrolled.

The District shall not provide transportation to and from school for non-resident and tuition students at District expense.

Exceptions:**District Employees (Non-Resident Students)**

The District agrees to accept into Sunapee schools, subject to space availability and existing Board policy, children of professional staff who do not live in the District. Once accepted, staff children may continue in the District for as long as the parent is employed by the School District.

Professionals utilizing this benefit will pay one-fourth (1/4th) of the District tuition for the level at which the child is attending.

Tuition payments must be made through payroll deduction.

Waivers:

The Sunapee School District understands that there are certain exceptions and/or special considerations under which a waiver of tuition can be granted. Waivers can be granted under the following conditions:

- The admission on occasion of students from other countries who are the guests of district residents under exchange programs that have been recognized for purposes of school attendance by the Board.
- The Superintendent shall have the discretion to allow students to begin school in September if they plan to move into the District within 90 days. If they are not in residence by January 1, they shall be charged tuition at a pro-rated basis on the most recent per pupil cost formula determined in accordance with state law. Likewise, the Superintendent shall have the authority to allow students to finish their school year in Sunapee if they move to a neighboring community within 90 days of the closing of school.
- The Superintendent shall have the discretion to allow a high school senior whose family moves during the student's senior year to continue to graduation.

Statutory references:

RSA 193:12, Legal Residence Requirement

RSA 193:3, Change of School Assignment

JECA is revoked; its terms are now incorporated within JECB.

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