ADMISSION OF TUITION AND NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Non-resident students may only attend Oyster River Cooperative School District schools when their attendance has been approved by the superintendent. If the superintendent 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 a tuition or non-tuition agreement with the school district in which the student resides.

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

The Board acknowledges the provisions of RSA 193:3 which state that the district in which the student resides shall retain all responsibility for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA 186-C.

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.

Tuition should be charged and the rate should be set by the Board and billed quarterly in advance to the district of residence or parent responsible for payment. When a district of residence is responsible for tuition, the resident district’s school board must first approve.

In a divorce decree, or parenting plan developed pursuant to RSA 461-A, a child’s legal residence for school attendance purposes may be the school district in which either parent resides, provided the parents agree in writing, provide a copy of the divorce decree to the district the child will attend, and each parent furnishes a copy of the agreement to the school district in which the parent resides. Transportation will be provided if the student lives in the District. The Superintendent or designee will make all determinations as to whether transportation will be provided in other circumstances. The Superintendent or designee’s decision will be final.

The provisions of this policy may be modified on a case-by-case basis, as needed, pursuant to separate contracts, agreements and other binding arrangements.

Legal References:
RSA 186-C:13, Special Education; Liability for Expenses
RSA 193:3, Change of School or Assignment
RSA 193:12, Legal Residence Required