

ADMISSION AND ATTENDANCE OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

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

Any student residing within the geographic boundaries of Londonderry under the immediate supervision and custody of a parent or legal guardian shall be deemed a lawful resident of Londonderry. All other students shall be deemed non-resident and shall be excluded from attendance in Londonderry schools unless by application to the Superintendent and upon presentation of evidence the Superintendent determines by a clear and convincing standard of proof that the student is a lawful resident of the District.

Students who do not legally qualify as residents of the Londonderry School District (the "District") may be admitted to Londonderry schools if, in the sole judgment of the School Board, there is adequate space available. Any non-resident student admitted into the District will be charged full tuition and special education costs, as described below, except and unless in a limited number of situations the Board may waive or reduce tuition. Several such situations are described in general below. Each situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Listing here does not constitute a guarantee that the Board will waive or reduce tuition in any particular situation.

NON-RESIDENT QUALIFICATION FOR TUITION WAIVER

1. Students from other Countries or States who are the guests of District residents under exchange programs recognized by the board for purposes of school attendance.
2. Children of non-resident parents, who will be moving into the District during the school year, may enroll prior to actual establishment of residency, provided a written request and verification of the anticipated date of residency are submitted to and approved by the Superintendent. Such request shall be supported by appropriate documentation (lease, purchase agreement, etc.). Tuition may be waived by the Superintendent if residence is established within four weeks of the date the student is enrolled.
3. Children of non-resident parents entrusted to the permanent custody and support of residents of the District shall be considered on a case-by-case basis for the purpose of attending Londonderry schools tuition-free. The Londonderry resident must establish a bona fide and legal custody of the child and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Superintendent that the child is not living in the District for the reason of obtaining an education at a Londonderry school.

4. Seniors whose families move after January 31 of their senior year and who wish to continue through graduation normally may do so at no tuition fee. All others allowed to continue by the Superintendent shall pay tuition on a pro-rata basis.
5. Students over eighteen (18) not living with parents in the Londonderry School District must show proof of residence through driver's license, car registration, voter registration, or signed lease/mortgage in order to attend Londonderry High School.

OTHER NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Unless non-resident students are given special consideration for the reasons stated above, or unless enrolled through an agreement with another school district or agency, all non-resident students shall be charged full tuition, as established by the board, plus the cost of any specific programs or special education services provided to the student by the District. The District shall not be liable for any cost of a non-resident student's out-of-district placement.

6. Any student who is found to be attending a Londonderry school and who is not residing with a parent or legal guardian within the geographic boundaries of the town of Londonderry shall be immediately excluded from attendance at school and shall not thereafter be allowed to return until that student has complied with the application to the Superintendent for determination of residency or waiver as set forth herein.
7. In the event a student is found to have been unlawfully attending a Londonderry school, the parents and/or legal guardian of said student shall be jointly and severally liable to pay the District the pro rata cost of tuition as determined by the Board policy for the period of time that the student is found to have been unlawfully attending the Londonderry school.
8. In addition, and not in limitation to other requirements set forth herein, in the event a student is found to be unlawfully attending a Londonderry school, the school officials shall notify the local law enforcement authorities as required under RSA 193:14 and 15, shall notify the district of lawful residence, if known, shall exclude the student from further attendance at the Londonderry school, and shall take such action as may be appropriate to recover any tuition costs to which the District may be entitled. In the event the School District takes legal action to recover its tuition costs, the parents and/or the lawful guardian shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of any legal costs or court costs incurred by the District in pursuing such action.
9. Copies of RSA 193:1, 193:3, 193:12, 193:14, 14-a and 193:15 shall be attached to this policy and made available to any interested student, parent or guardian.

10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event any student is found to have unlawfully attended a Londonderry school, the records and transcript of said attendance shall not be released by the school to any party unless and until all obligations to the School District have been fully satisfied.
11. Any student registering for attendance at a Londonderry school shall complete a registration form and certification of address form, setting forth the place or residence, the name and address of all supervising parents or guardians and such other information as the School District may from time to time reasonably request. The application shall be verified as to its factual content under oath by a parent or guardian. A copy of the registration form and the certification of address form is attached to this policy.
12. No student shall be allowed to enter a Londonderry school or participate in the educational program unless s/he has completed the registration form and the certification of address form, or been otherwise assigned to the school by the Superintendent or the School Board.
13. The parent or guardian providing the information for registration of any student shall have a continuing duty to advise the School District of any change in the facts of residence as represented on the registration form.

It is not possible in this policy to anticipate all situations that will arise or to describe precisely how all situations involving non-resident students will be handled. Notwithstanding any provision of this policy, the Board reserves the right to charge tuition or to deny admission to any non-resident student. The Board also reserves the right to admit non-resident students and waive tuition in situations not discussed in this policy.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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