

ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

The purpose of this policy is to assure that non-resident students may be admitted to the schools of this district, when space is available, in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations governing tuition payment and non-discrimination.

By February 1st of each year, the Board shall establish non-resident tuition rates for the next school year. Separate tuition rates may be established for elementary and secondary students, and for students who are eligible to participate in special education programs. Tuition rates will be established in accord with Chapter 21 of Title 16 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, and regulations of the State Board of Education.

No non-resident will be denied admission as a tuition student if the reason for denial is that the student is disabled as defined in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended or that the student is in need of special education services. Nor will any child be denied admission on the basis of sex, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or race.

Subject to the non-discrimination requirements above, a non-resident who applies for admission as a tuition student shall be admitted if space is available and, if the student has previously attended school, the student is in good standing at the school or schools most recently attended. Good standing shall be demonstrated when the applicant shows:

1. that he or she has not been legally dismissed or suspended for more than ten days during the preceding twelve months for disciplinary reasons, and
2. that he or she is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of an approved school or home study program, and
3. that his or her school attendance record presents a reasonable likelihood that any existing attendance requirements of this school district will be met.

A non-resident who is unable to provide evidence of good standing may be admitted as a non-resident student if it is the determination of the superintendent, based on information

presented by the non-resident, that there is a reasonable likelihood that the applicant will benefit from and succeed in the programs offered by the schools in this district.

A non-resident applicant for admission as a tuition student may appeal the superintendent's denial of his or her application by submitting a written request to appeal to the Board within ten days of the denial. The Board will provide an opportunity for the applicant and/or his or her parent or guardian to discuss the request not to uphold the decision of the superintendent. The Board will render a decision within 30 days of the request to appeal.

A leeway of approximately twenty (20) school days may be allowed for children who are not official residents of Castleton/Hubbardton without payment of tuition when the principal has determined that a bona fide move into or out of this community is in progress.

Tuition for non-resident student shall be payable according to Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union procedures.

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Castleton/Hubbardton School District