

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BLOCK ISLAND SCHOOL

Statute 16-45-1.1 of the Rhode Island State law obligates, subject to certain prerequisites, a public school system to provide a vocational education to any qualified student seeking such an education. This policy is consistent with the New Shoreham School Department's statutory obligation to exercise fiscal responsibility and to satisfy the obligations inherent in Article 16-45-1.1, "All youth and adults who choose vocational education shall have access to those programs."

The New Shoreham School Committee, upon a timely request based on the student's specific interest, may approve the student's attendance at Chariho Vocational School in satisfaction of New Shoreham School Department's obligations under the vocational school access legislation. If a student desires to attend an alternate [out of state] private or public vocational school, the New Shoreham School Committee may, on a case by case basis, vote to approve the expenditure of funds for that purpose subject to the following conditions.

- The amount does not exceed the tuition at Chariho for the period of attendance.
- The institution is certified by the state in which it resides as an area vocational school provider.
- The student would be deemed qualified to attend the selected grade level at Chariho.
- The student is accepted at the institution.

It is further stipulated that the payment of said approved funds shall be made in the form of a reimbursement to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) at the end of the applicable school year. Should the student's attendance at the school be terminated during the school year for any reason, the New Shoreham School Department will assume no financial responsibility for that year's tuition.

It is also emphasized that this policy shall not be construed as setting any precedence for the payment of private school tuition.

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*New Shoreham School District, Block Island School*