

ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS/CHILDREN OF VEAZIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

The Board adopts this policy in the interest of attracting and retaining the most qualified and committed school employees.

Nonresident students may attend the Veazie Community School either through a superintendents' agreement or through a contract to provide services to a school unit that does not operate its own schools.

The following provisions apply specifically to the admission of nonresident students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are Veazie Community School employees. Admission shall be available only if there is no superintendents' agreement or the request for a superintendents' agreement and subsequent appeal have been denied.

All requests for admission of nonresident students must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent and include copies of all pertinent educational records. The Superintendent will be responsible for approving admission of nonresident students. Enrollment and staffing considerations, prior student behaviors, and attendance will all be taken into consideration when determinations are made.

PROCESS FOR ADMISSION CHILDREN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

The Board permits admission of students whose parents/legal guardians are full time employees of the Veazie Community School, provided that both a superintendents' agreement and an appeal have been filed and denied by the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) by October 1 of the school year for which enrollment is sought.

If the appeal to the MDOE has been filed by August 1 of that year and the MDOE has not rendered a decision by October 1, the Veazie School Department will treat the matter as though the superintendent agreement request had been denied.

Parents/legal guardians of children admitted to the Veazie Community School under this policy will be charged an annual tuition of \$350.00 per child. If the parent/legal guardians have three or more children admitted to the Veazie Community School, the annual tuition rate will be \$1,000.00 for all.

Tuition shall be paid in accordance with a written agreement between the Veazie Community School and the employee, but in no case shall the full amount be paid later than October 1 of the school year in which the child(ren) are to be enrolled.

Parents/guardians must complete the superintendents' agreement request and appeal process and sign a tuition agreement for every school year they wish their child(ren) to attend the Veazie Community School.

It is the intent of the Board that children of Veazie Community School employees be able to complete their education at Veazie Community School so long as sufficient space and staff and suitable programming are available.

Employees who vacate their employment at Veazie Community School must withdraw their child(ren) from the Veazie Community School unless their resident school unit agrees to pay the maximum tuition rate permitted by Maine law (20-A MRSA § 5804), including amounts for special education in accordance with state special education regulations.

The Veazie Community School shall not pay high school tuition for children of non-resident school employees.

The Veazie Community School shall not furnish transportation for nonresident students except when the student can otherwise access normal bus runs provided by the school.

Students admitted through this policy are expected to adhere to all Board policies, school rules, and codes of conduct that apply to resident students.

References; 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5204, 5801, et seq., 6001-b (3)

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