

Admission of Non-Resident Private Tuition Students

This policy governs acceptance of non-resident students whose parents wish to pay tuition to _____ to allow their child(ren) to attend District schools.

1. _____ shall accept non-resident private tuition students by application only. Application shall be made to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the discretion to decide whether to admit any non-resident student based on criteria that may include, but not be limited to, academic record, discipline record, character and any other criteria deemed relevant. A non-resident private tuition student who is accepted will not be formally enrolled in _____ until the student’s parents have signed the Non-Resident Private Tuition Student Agreement, and made the first tuition payment.
2. Non-resident tuition students admitted to _____ shall have the same access to District programs as resident students, and are subject to the same policies and rules, except as otherwise limited by this policy.
3. Otherwise eligible non-resident private tuition students shall be admitted only if there is space and/or personnel available within existing programs or classes that the student would be attending, as described in Paragraph 6. Decisions regarding the availability of space or personnel for non-resident tuition students in District programs and classes will be made by the Superintendent or designee.
4. All requirements for enrollment in _____ schools that apply to resident students (such as age, health examinations and immunization requirements) also apply to non-resident private tuition students.
5. Non-resident private tuition students are expected to meet the same academic, extracurricular and behavioral standards and are subject to the same disciplinary procedures as resident students, up to and including expulsion. Any non-resident private tuition student whose enrollment is recommended to be terminated for disciplinary reasons prior to the end of the school year has the right to an expulsion hearing before the Board as described in 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1001(9). The decision of the Board is final.
6. _____ shall accept students only if there are programs available that can meet the needs of the student and there is room in that program for the student. When determining whether space is available for a non-resident private tuition

student in any District program, a program will be considered “closed” to non-resident private tuition students if 80% of the spaces in the program are filled.

7. The Superintendent may deny or revoke the admission of a non-resident private tuition student if the Superintendent determines that the student cannot obtain an appropriate education in existing programs or classes at the school. In the case of students with disabilities, the Superintendent’s decision will be made in consultation with, and after review of the determination of **[the group of persons knowledgeable about student]**, and in accordance with all applicable laws.
8. _____ will set the tuition amount on an annual basis. The parents and student (if 18 years old) shall sign a tuition agreement and make the first tuition payment prior to the student’s admission to the District.
9. _____ shall not furnish transportation for non-resident private tuition students except where the student can otherwise access normal bus runs offered by the District.

Legal References: 20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 5203(1), 5204(1), 5801, 5804, 5805, 6001-B(3).

Adopted: _____