

TUITION FEES/NON-RESIDENT ADMISSION

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to accept non-resident students in the Thompson Public Schools in accordance with the criteria set forth in this policy.

I. General Provisions:

The following terms and conditions are to be used as guidelines when determining eligibility of non-resident students enrolling or continuing in Thompson Public Schools:

- A. The Superintendent or his/her designee may approve the enrollment or continuation of a non-resident student attendance if class size and other considerations such as the availability of resources permit. Decisions regarding class size and/or the availability of resources shall be made by the Superintendent.
- B. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall not hire additional staff to permit enrollment of non-resident children under this policy.
- C. Non-resident children shall be assigned to whatever class the Superintendent or his/her designee deems appropriate.
- D. Non-resident attendance shall be for one school year or less.
- E. Non-resident attendance may be extended from year to year at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- F. This policy does not obligate the Board to provide special education programs or services or create unique programs for students. If a non-resident student is enrolled or continued in the Thompson Public Schools, and such child is eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), the Thompson Public Schools shall not act as the local education agency for such child. In instances where special or additional services are provided for a non-resident student, a supplemental tuition or fee may be charged based upon the actual costs associated with providing the special or additional services.

- G. Application for initial enrollment shall be made in writing on a form supplied by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- H. Application for continued enrollment shall be made on an annual basis, in writing on a form supplied by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- I. At the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the candidate for initial or continued enrollment shall be interviewed by the Principal or Assistant Principal of the school at which enrollment or continued enrollment is sought.
- J. The student's immediate past Principal or responsible administrator must make a recommendation on behalf of the child, attesting to his/her good citizenship, in order to be eligible for initial or continued enrollment.
- K. All non-resident students or their parents or guardians, or the school district of residence, shall provide necessary transportation to and from school.
- L. A student's continuation in the Thompson Public Schools will be contingent upon the student's compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Board and the individual school, satisfactory academic progress, and the availability of staff and school resources. The Superintendent or his/her designee may terminate the non-resident student's enrollment at any time where, in his or her opinion, continuation is not in the best interest of the school system or the student.

Only students who meet the criteria set forth in this policy may enroll or continue in enrollment within the Thompson Public Schools.

II. Tuition Students:

Tuition or additional fees, if applicable, must be paid in advance on or before the first day of the school year, and on or before January 1st. In the event a student withdraws or is terminated from enrollment in the middle of the school year, pro-rata fees will be refunded. Tuition may be paid by the school district of residence or by the parent(s) of the non-resident student.

The tuition fee shall be reviewed annually by the Board and established by July 1 of each year. The tuition fee for regular education will be 66% of the most recent net current per pupil expenditure as determined by the CT State Dept. of Education. The tuition fee for special education students will be determined based on the annual cost of the regular education program plus the annual cost of special education services provided.

III. Waiver of Tuition for Certain Students:

Upon written parental request, if the general conditions above are met, non-resident students may be allowed by the Superintendent in his/her discretion to attend district schools without tuition under one or more of the following conditions:

- A. A student whose parent or legal guardian purchases or leases property in Thompson and expects to occupy such property within ninety (90) calendar days will be allowed to register in the Thompson Public Schools, provided that the sufficient documentation is provided, as determined by the Superintendent.
- B. A student whose parent or guardian moves from Thompson during the last two (2) months of the school year will be permitted to finish the school year, with written permission of the Superintendent.
- C. A student whose parent or guardian has moved from Thompson may continue in the Thompson Public Schools until the end of the current marking period with the permission of the Superintendent.

Transportation beyond that normally provided for students living in the District shall not be provided for non-resident students.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the application of this non-resident admission policy conflicts with the Board of Education's obligations under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431 et seq., or state law, the Board of Education shall act in a manner consistent with its obligations thereunder.

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