

ADMISSION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE'S NON-RESIDENT STUDENT(S)

Non-resident full-time employees (Non-Resident Employees) of the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District (District) may apply for free admission for their children (Non-Resident Students) to attend school in the District.

Non-Resident Employees must apply to the Superintendent for no cost admission of a Non-Resident Student by May 15th for their child(ren) to be admitted in August/September of that year. The Superintendent shall notify Non-Resident Employees whether or not the District will accept a Non-Resident Student's enrollment by July 15th.

Each April, the Board will evaluate whether to continue this policy after considering costs, the number of Non-Resident Students in attendance in the District, and classroom sizes at each grade level in the District. And the Board shall consult with and advise the Superintendent on the Board's preferred number of available spaces at each grade level in the District for the school year starting in August/September that year.

Based on the Superintendent's consultation with the School Board, the Superintendent, at the Superintendent's sole discretion, will accept or deny an application for admission of each Non-Resident Student. The Superintendent's decision on the admission of a Non-Resident Student will not be based, in whole or in part, on whether that student has a disability, as defined by applicable state or federal law. If there are more applicants than available spaces, as determined by the Superintendent, Non-Resident Students currently attending a District school will have preference over Non-Resident Students not currently attending the District's school. If after current attendees are accepted, there are still more applicants than available spaces, applicants for remaining spaces will be chosen randomly (by lottery) by the Superintendent. The Superintendent's decision regarding acceptance of a Non-Resident Student is final and is not appealable to the Board.

A Non-Resident Student shall be approved for attendance for one school year at a time. Once approval is given for a Non-Resident Student to attend a District school, enrollment may continue for that school year unless the Non-Resident Employee ceases full-time employment with the District or the Non-Resident Student is out of compliance with expectations and standard of behavior and consequences outlined in policy JIC.

Non-Resident Employees who cease employment or transition to less than full-time employment within the District must withdraw a Non-Resident Student attending District schools pursuant to this policy, or pay 100% of the District's annual tuition rate as prorated from the date their employment status ceases or changes to less than full-time in the District.

Non-Resident Employees are responsible for all transportation of Non-Resident Students.

Non-Resident Student school attendance in the District does not establish legal residency for purposes of school attendance.

The District will provide special education and related services for Non-Resident Students, as required by applicable state and federal law. For Non-Resident Special Education Students with a legal residence in New Hampshire, the district of residence shall be responsible for all special education and related services as provided in RSA 193:3, IV and RSA 186-C:13, IV.

Parents must notify the student's district of residence immediately upon applying for acceptance by the District, and the district of residence must acknowledge its responsibility to pay special education costs in writing before the student is accepted by the District.

For Non-Resident Special Education Students whose legal residence is not in New Hampshire, the student's district of residence must agree, in writing, to reimburse the District for all its special education costs, before the student is accepted by the District. It is the responsibility of the parents to obtain this agreement from the student's district of residence prior to enrollment in the District.

This policy does not apply to homeless students, foster children, best-interest reassignments, students who reside in towns within the District's AREA agreement, or manifest education hardship, which are all outlined in other applicable District policies.

Legal reference:

RSA 186-C:13, Special Education; Liability for Expenses

RSA 193:3, Change of School or Assignment

RSA 193:12, Legal Residence Required

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