

ORANGE WINDSOR SUPERVISORY UNION

ROYALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students

The purpose of this policy is to assure that non-resident students are admitted to the school of this district, when space is available, in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations governing tuition payment and non-discrimination.

By February 1st of each year, the Board shall establish non-resident tuition rates for the next school year. Separate tuition rates shall be established for K-6, 7-8, & 9-12 students, and for students who are eligible to participate in special education programs. Tuition rates will be established in accord with Chapter 21 of Title 16 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, and regulations of the State Board of Education.

In the event that any grade level(s) of the above have, in the judgment of the administration, reached capacity, non-resident students may be denied admission. If it is anticipated in advanced that that for any given grade level, more non-resident students may request admission that can be accepted, the administration, with the consent of the board, may establish and publish an application deadline date and select among applicants according to board-approval criteria. Such selection criteria shall not discriminate among applicants based upon any of the non-discrimination categories set forth in the preceding paragraph.

No non-resident will be denied admission as a tuition student if the reason for denial is that the student is disabled as defined in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended or that the student is in need of special education services. Nor will any child be denied admission on the basis of sex, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or race.

Subject to the non-discrimination requirements above, a non-resident who applies for admission as a tuition student shall be admitted if space is available and, if the student has previously attended school, the student is in good standing at the school or schools most recently attended. Good standing shall be demonstrated when the applicant shows:

1. that he or she has not been legally dismissed or suspended for more than ten days during the preceding twelve months for disciplinary reasons, and
2. that he or she is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of an approved school or home study program, and
3. that his or her school attendance record presents a reasonable likelihood that any existing attendance requirements of this school district will be met.

A non-resident who is unable to provide evidence of good standing may be admitted as a non-resident

tuition student if it is the determination of the superintendent, based on information presented by the non-resident, that there is a reasonable likelihood that the applicant will benefit from and succeed in the programs offered by the schools in this district.

A non-resident applicant for admission as a tuition student may appeal the superintendent's denial of his or her application by submitting a written request to appeal to the Board within ten days of the denial. The Board will provide an opportunity for the applicant and/or his or her parent or guardian to discuss the request not to uphold the decision of the superintendent. The Board will render a decision within 30 days of the request to appeal.

Tuition for non-resident students shall be payable at any time prior to enrollment. When a student enrolls after the beginning of a semester, tuition for the student will be pro-rated accordingly.

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This policy REVOKES and SUPERCEDES the policy adopted on 6-6-97.

Legal References: 16 V.S.A. §1093

16 V.S.A. § 823, et seq.

16 V.S.A. § 3448

Vt. State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices, §1250

9 V.S.A. § 4500, et seq.