

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TUITION POLICY

Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to define the manner in which Sanborn Regional School District will accept and charge tuition students.

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Non-resident students may only attend district schools when their attendance has been approved by the Board. If the Board agrees to enroll a non-resident student, the District will either charge tuition to the parent or, alternatively, the Superintendent may seek to enter into an agreement for the payment of tuition with the school district in which the student resides.

If a student's parents are divorced and the student lives primarily out-of-district, student may nonetheless attend schools within the District and considered a resident of the District for school attendance purposes provided: (1) the divorce decree allows the student to attend the District; (2) or provided the parents have agreed in writing that the student may attend the District and such written agreement is provided to the District. Students in this situation will not be charged tuition.

In a divorce decree, or parenting plan developed pursuant to RSA 461-A, a child's legal residence for school attendance purposes may be the school district in which either parent resides, provided the parents agree in writing to the district the child will attend and each parent furnishes a copy of the agreement to the school district in which the parent resides. Transportation will not necessarily be provided for students admitted under this provision and under corresponding law. The Superintendent or designee will make all determinations as to whether transportation will be provided in such circumstances. The Superintendent or designee's decision will be final.

Upon the admission of a non-resident student to the District, the Superintendent or designee will immediately notify the student's school district of residence of the student's name, date of birth, address, and grade assignment of the student. This notification shall also be made at the beginning of each school year for which the student is enrolled.

The Board acknowledges the provisions of RSA 193:3 which state that the district in which the student resides shall retain all responsibility for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA 186-C.

The Board's decision on whether to enroll a non-resident student will not be based, in whole or in part, on whether that student is a student with a disability, as defined by applicable state or federal law.

Tuition rates will be charged at a rate set by the Board and billed quarterly in advance to the district of residence or parent responsible for payment. When a district of residence is responsible for tuition, approval must be from that district's school board.

Under normal circumstances, the district will not provide transportation to and from school for non-resident and tuition students at district expense. However, the district may assist parents in finding and procuring transportation services for their children.

The provisions of this policy may be modified on a case-by-case basis, as needed, pursuant to separate contracts, agreements and other binding arrangements.

Recognizing the importance of providing an adequate education for all children of school age, the Sanborn Regional School District will accept, whenever feasible, tuition students according to the following guidelines:

1. Each year in April, the Board shall establish tuition rates at no more than 110% of the projected Sanborn Regional cost per pupil as calculated using the New Hampshire Department of Education formula. This formula shall be implemented using the adopted budget for the ensuing year. Additional charges for special education programming shall be added to the tuition rate if applicable to the individual student.
2. Children of future residents may attend tuition-free for the first 45 school days only if parents have not yet established residency in the district provided they supply copies of purchase and sales or rental agreements. Upon the beginning of the next marking period, they shall be charged a daily tuition until they establish residency.
3. Children of former residents may continue in school for the final 45 school days only, at no tuition, with the permission of the Superintendent.
4. In the situations described in items 2 and 3 above, children of parents who do not provide notification to the district in a timely fashion will not be allowed to continue as students. Further, special exceptions may be considered for students who are seniors at Sanborn Regional High School.
5. The children of non-resident school district employees shall be allowed to enter the Sanborn Regional schools and shall be charged an amount equal to one-half the annual tuition rate.
6. Exchange students accepted pursuant to Board Policy JFABB, and who are hosted by SRSD resident will not be charged tuition.
7. The academic and disciplinary record of each tuition student shall be reviewed by the school administrator prior to acceptance or renewal of the student's attendance, when a pre-arranged tuition contract with another school district does not exist.
8. Each year, when it sets tuition rates in the month of April, the Superintendent of Schools shall recommend, and the board shall take action to determine whether or not the district will accept tuition students from another district, other than those with whom the Sanborn Regional School District has a pre-arranged tuition contract.

Legal References:

RSA 186-C:13, Special Education; Liability for Expenses
RSA 193:3, Change of School or Assignment
RSA 193:12, Legal Residence Required

History:

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