

Administrative Regulations Regarding Tuition Fees

The New Milford Board of Education may permit students from other school districts to attend local schools when they can be accommodated in existing classes. The students or their sending district shall pay a tuition fee to be established annually by the Board of Education. The Board may establish separate tuition rates for elementary and secondary schools. The administration will provide students applying for admission in any given year with an estimated rate with the provision that tuition will be adjusted based on budgetary approval. Non-resident students who are eligible for special education and related services or other school districts, as the case may be, will be charged at a rate equal to a pro-rata share of the costs of their program.

I. Individual, Non-Resident Students

Non-resident students who seek admission to the New Milford Public Schools outside of a tuition agreement with a sending board of education as set forth in Section II below may be accepted under the following conditions:

1. A non-resident student shall apply to be admitted in writing to the Superintendent and shall state the reason for seeking admission, with a description of the applicant's proposed academic program.
2. The parent/guardian (or student age eighteen or older) will provide complete records for the student. Such records will include grades, discipline records, medical records, special education records, test results, and any additional information requested by the Superintendent or his or her designee.
3. The student shall be interviewed for admission by the Assistant Superintendent, who will make a thorough review of the student's records, consult with the building Principal, and make a recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall decide upon the admission of the student. The Superintendent may admit a student only if space is available.
4. Prior to his or her recommendation to the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent may require the student to undergo any testing deemed necessary.
5. The student shall be capable of performing at or above grade level or in an established program of the New Milford Public Schools. In determining whether the student can be accommodated in an existing program, the Assistant Superintendent, prior to his or her recommendation, may refer the matter to the district-wide special education supervisor who may, in turn, consult with a planning and placement team. The supervisor or PPT will forward a report to the Assistant Superintendent.
6. Tuition must be paid in advance four times per year in September, December, March and May as a condition of continued enrollment, and such tuition shall be prorated for admission beginning after the start of the school year. In the event a student withdraws from the New Milford Public Schools, tuition for the semester in progress will not be refunded.

7. Courses for New Milford students will be scheduled before those of tuition students.
8. A student may continue as a tuition student from year to year unless notified in writing by the Superintendent of Schools that attendance will be terminated.
9. A certified staff member whose child has been admitted to the New Milford Public Schools shall pay 50% of the established tuition rate. Tuition shall be made in equal payments four times per year in September, December, March and May as a condition of continued enrollment.

In the event of a dispute concerning the student's education, the written decision of the Board of Education concerning such education shall be final. A non-resident student's continued enrollment in the New Milford Public Schools will be contingent upon compliance with all academic and disciplinary requirements, satisfactory academic progress, satisfactory behavior, and the availability of staff and resources.

Only the board of education, acting at its sole discretion, may waive tuition.

II. Tuition Students Sent By Other Boards Of Education

The Board of Education, at its discretion, may enter into an agreement with another local or regional Board of Education to accept such local or regional Board's ninth through twelfth grade students on a tuition basis. Prior to entering into an agreement to accept such students, the superintendent of schools shall file with the Board of Education a written recommendation on the enrollment of students based on the following factors:

1. The impact on Boards of Education currently having an arrangement with the New Milford Board of Education.
2. The proposed method of transporting tuition students.
3. The impact on resident students.
4. Impact on staffing and instructional materials.
5. Impact on facilities.
6. Information regarding student educational placement.
7. Any other factors deemed relevant.

After the Board has tentatively approved the acceptance of students under the jurisdiction of another Board of Education, the Superintendent shall submit to the Board for approval a proposed written agreement establishing the terms and conditions (including tuition charges) under which students from another jurisdiction will be enrolled in the New Milford Public Schools.

III. Student Conduct

Nonresident students attending the New Milford Public Schools will be governed by the same student discipline and behavior policies applicable to resident students. Nonresident attendance is a privilege and not a right. Accordingly, such attendance may be revoked upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approval by the Board of Education upon a finding that the student has violated the applicable school code of conduct.

IV. Transportation

Nonresident students enrolled in the New Milford Public Schools, pursuant to this policy, must make their own transportation arrangements at their own cost and expense. Upon acceptance for attendance, students over the age of eighteen, or parents or guardians shall inform the Principal of New Milford High School, or his or her designee, of their intended daily transportation arrangements and shall likewise inform the Principal or designee whenever there is a need to change such arrangements.

V. Extracurricular Activities

Nonresident students shall be responsible for paying any fees, costs or expenses associated with participation in New Milford Public Schools' athletics, field trips, extracurricular activities, or the administration of the SAT, ACT, AP, or any other examinations to the same extent as New Milford resident students.

VI. Special Education/Section 504

Any nonresident student accepted into the New Milford Public Schools who requires special education services or Section 504 accommodations, or who after admission is considered to be a candidate for special education services or Section 504 accommodations, shall not be referred to a New Milford Public Schools planning and placement team or 504 team, but shall be referred to the planning and placement team or 504 team in the community where the student would otherwise be attending school for all special education decisions. The New Milford Board of Education will not be responsible for any special education or Section 504 costs of nonresident students unless required by law.

VII. Homeless Students

Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy to the contrary, New Milford resident students who are forced to temporarily live outside of the District due to an incident of homelessness may remain enrolled in the New Milford Public Schools without being required to pay tuition in accordance with state and federal law.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-33 Tuition in towns in which no high school is maintained.

10-35 Notice of discontinuance of high school service to nonresidents. 10-55 Pupils to attend regional school.

10-220 Duties of Boards of Education.

10-253 School privileges for children in certain placements, nonresident children and children in temporary shelters.

United States Code

42 U.S.C. §11301 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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