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ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

(AND TUITION)

GOVERNING LAW

"No person shall attend school, or send a pupil to the school, in any district of which he/she is not an inhabitant, without the consent of the district or of the school board." (RSA 193:12)

Under appropriate circumstances, the Superintendent may accept a non-resident for admission to Rochester Schools. See, N.H. RSA 193:3, III and Policy JCA, Change of School or Assignment Policy.

In cases of manifest educational hardship the Rochester School Board may accept a non-resident for admission to Rochester Schools. See, N.H. RSA 193:3, I and II.

BASIC PRINCIPLE

In order to assure the best possible education for Rochester students (and students from districts with whom the Rochester School District has a contractual relationship), the Rochester School Board seeks to minimize the number of non-resident students admitted to Rochester Schools.

PROCEDURE

1. Non-resident students shall be admitted to or permitted to attend Rochester Schools, under the following:
 - A) Board approved vacancies
 - 1) At or before the December School Board meeting of each year, the Superintendent will provide the Board with the district's estimated enrollment, by grade for the following year.
 - 2) Based on the enrollment projection, anticipated staff increases or decreases at Rochester Schools, and the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board will at its January meeting designate a number of vacancies in Rochester Schools for acceptance of tuition students.
 - 3) Parents desiring admission of their students into Rochester Schools will be provided with an application form. On or before April 15, the Superintendent or designee will review the applications and determine eligibility for admission to Spaulding High School based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the following:
 - a) Likelihood of success: Grades, attendance records, assessment scores, disciplinary records, and other factors related to academic achievement and other areas of success in school may be considered in selection. In applying these selection criteria, the Rochester School District will not discriminate on the basis of any protected classification as

identified in Policy AC (Nondiscrimination) or any classification protected by state or federal law.

- b) Availability of space in specially requested programs, including AFJROTC, Advanced Placement Courses, vocational programs, and other programs housed at SHS.
 - c) Special circumstances such as proximity of the student's home to Rochester Schools.
 - d) In the case of applicants with substantially equal qualifications and circumstances, final selection will be made randomly.
- 4) Admission to Rochester Schools is a privilege, not a right. The admission decision of the Superintendent is final and binding, and is not subject to appeal to the Rochester School Board.
- B) In compliance with N.H. RSA 193:3, III and Policy JCA, Change of School or Assignment Policy
- 1) Each student admitted under this provision prior to filling all vacancies designated under paragraph A) 2) above will be counted as having filled one of those vacancies.
 - 2) Students with circumstances warranting consideration under this law will not be constrained by the vacancy cap designated under paragraph A) 2) above.
- C) In compliance with N.H. RSA 193:3, I and II;
- 1) Each student admitted under this provision prior to filling all vacancies designated under paragraph A) 2) above will be counted as having filled one of those vacancies.
 - 2) Students with circumstances warranting consideration under this law will not be constrained by the vacancy cap designated under paragraph A) 2) above.
- D) To bring into the school system, on occasion, students from other countries who are the guests of district residents under exchange programs that have been recognized for purposes of school attendance by the Board.
- E) Pursuant to a valid AREA Agreement, Cooperative School District Agreement, or other contract between the Rochester School Department and the school district in which the student resided;
- F) Students whose families move during the school year may complete that school year in Rochester; or

- G) Non-resident students properly enrolled in the Rochester School Department as of June 30, of their junior year may be allowed to complete their high school education in Rochester.

 - H) Non-resident students enrolled solely in vocational classes at the Richard W. Creteau Regional Technology Center will be admitted in accordance with provisions governing the operation of the regional vocational programs offered through Spaulding, Somersworth and Dover High Schools.
2. Students who do not legally qualify as residents of the district who are admitted under the provisions of this policy shall be charged tuition except as follows:
- A) Students admitted under Procedure 1. D), above, shall attend tuition free;
 - B) Students in Grade 12 who remain in Rochester Schools pursuant to Procedure 1. G), above, may complete that school year tuition free; or,
 - C) Students in other grades who remain in Rochester Schools pursuant to Procedure 1. F), above, may remain in Rochester Schools tuition free for no more than thirty-five (35) school days.
3. Tuition shall be based on per-pupil cost determined in accordance with state law. The Superintendent shall annually determine this cost, and the School Board shall annually set the tuition based on that determination.

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