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Resident and Nonresident Attendance

I. Resident Students

The laws of the State of Connecticut provide that all students have a right to a free and public education in the Town where they reside. (**Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-186, 10-235**) Only students who reside within the boundaries of the Town of Sharon have a right to a free and public education at Sharon Center School.

Residency in Sharon is defined as: a permanent arrangement, provided without pay, not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations in which a child lives in the town full-time throughout the school year, the only exception being as ordered or approved by another legal authority.

II. Determining Residency

1. The Superintendent or his/her designee as agent for the Board of Education may require documentation of residency from a parent or guardian, a relative or non-relative, an emancipated minor, or a student eighteen years of age if the Board has reasonable cause to question such residency.
2. Documentation of residency is the obligation of the parent or guardian, the relative or nonrelative, the emancipated minor, or the student eighteen years of age. Documentation may include but not be limited to an affidavit attesting ~~to residency~~ **there is bona fide student residency in the district, that the residence is intended to be permanent, that it is provided without pay, and that it is not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations. Additional documentation list** may include but not be limited to:
 - a. Where the student's clothes or personal possessions are located.
 - b. Address of parent's/guardian's driver's license.
 - c. Town which issued library card.
 - d. Utility bill with street address.
 - e. Place of affiliations: boy scouts, etc.
 - f. Residence of immediate family.
 - g. Where student spends substantial time when school is not in session.
 - h. Determine if persons with whom the child is in residence is held directly responsible for daily general affairs, such as: school trips, medical treatment, signing of report cards, etc.

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Determining Residency (continued)

III. Non-Resident Students

1. Nonresident students may be accepted as tuition students in the school under all the following conditions:
 - a. After the Board of Education reviews and approves nonresident students written applications.
 - b. After the Principal reviews and approves former students written applications.
 - c. Space is available and an appropriate program can be provided.
 - d. Admission is subject to administrative review of any educational records.
 - e. Transportation will be provided by the student's parent and/or guardian and will not be provided by the Board ~~for nonresident students~~.
 - f. Admission is probationary, subject to periodic review.
 - g. Admission ~~of non-resident students~~ must be re-approved annually.
 - h. Responsibility of the legal guardian to provide notice to Board ~~school on~~ of any permanent residency
2. The Board will annually establish the tuition fee for the following year at the March **BOE** meeting.

One-half of the tuition is to be paid by August 15th and the second half paid by January 15th. Payments are to be made by check payable to the Town of Sharon.

Half-year attendance is permitted with Board of Education approval. Payment will be one-half of the annual tuition fee. The second half of the school year begins on the 91st day of school. Any student beginning on or after the 91st day will be charged the half year tuition fee, due upon enrollment.

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IV. Tuition Waiver

The Board of Education may approve requests for school attendance in Sharon for children living outside Sharon without **any tuition fee or service/program charge only in the following situations: if there is a compelling public purpose to be served, such as:**

1. Former Students:

When a student becomes a nonresident of the District after Thanksgiving of a school year, the student may be permitted to continue in attendance without charge for the remainder of that school year under all the **following conditions set forth in Section III of this Policy.**

~~a. A written request for such accommodation is made to the Principal by the parent or guardian of the students.~~

~~b. Space is available and a regular education program can be provided without an increase in size of staff.~~

~~c. The parent or guardian assumes all responsibility for transporting the student to or from school.~~

~~d. The student has a record of good citizenship at the school and continues to abide by the rules and regulations of the school and the district.~~

2. Future Residents

The children of families who have signed a contract to buy or build or lease a residence in the school district will be allowed to enroll during the semester in which they expect to become residents under all the **the following conditions: conditions set forth in Section III of this Policy, and the following limiting factor:** The nonresident admission status with tuition waiver is limited to **a semester (45 school days)**. Request for extension must be made to the Board of Education.

~~a. Parents must assume responsibility for transportation.~~

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IV. Tuition Waiver (continued)

The Board of Education may approve requests for school attendance in Sharon for children living outside Sharon without any tuition or program fee charge only in the following situations:

3. Hardship Cases

Nonresident children who are living with Sharon residents because of temporary personal or financial hardship in their own families may be enrolled by application to be approved by the Board of Education under all the **conditions set forth in Section III of this Policy, and the following limiting factor: If granted, the nonresident admission status with tuition waiver is subject to review at any time.** such accommodation shall be for no more than one school year but may be renewed for an additional year depending on the situation.

4. Foreign Students

Foreign students living with local residents will be considered to be local residents.

5. Staff Members' Children

Requests from **Sharon Board of Education employees and Region One employees who work at Sharon Center School staff**, who ~~are employed by the local Board of Education and~~ reside outside the community, requesting that their child and/or children be enrolled in the local elementary school will be evaluated and determined on an individual basis. The criteria for the decision will be based upon all the **conditions set forth in Section III of this Policy. student enrollment at the time of request and other items deemed pertinent by the Principal and Superintendent.**

6. Town of Sharon Employee's and Sharon Daycare Employee's Children

Requests from individuals who are employed by the Town or Sharon, and requests by individuals employed by Sharon Day Care, requesting that their child and/or children be enrolled in the local elementary school will be evaluated and determined on an individual basis. The criteria for the decision will be based upon all the conditions set forth in Section III of this Policy.

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V. Special Service / Program Charges

Any non-resident student admitted to the local elementary school under this Policy who does not meet one of the first five categories described in Section IV of this Policy (former students, future residents, hardship cases, foreign students, and employee's child) may be subject to additional special service and/or program charges, in addition to any tuition charges that may apply to their approved enrollment.

This policy does not obligate the Board to provide services that create unique programs that do not currently exist for students. If an out-of-district student is enrolled or continues at the local elementary school under Section V of this Policy, and such child is eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), the Sharon Public Schools shall not act as the local education agency for such child, and the student's district of residence remains responsible for the provision of a free, appropriate education and meeting all associated procedural requirements

In instances where special or additional services are provided for an out-of-district student, the Sharon Board of Education may charge a supplemental tuition or fee based upon the actual costs associated with providing the special or additional services.