

## **Students**

### **Resident and Nonresident Attendance**

#### **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. 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.

#### **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 non-relative, the emancipated minor, or the student eighteen years of age. Documentation may include but not be limited to an affidavit attesting to residency. The 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)**

##### **Non-Resident Students**

1. Non-resident students may be accepted as tuition students in the school under all the following conditions:
  - a. Space is available and an appropriate program can be provided.
  - b. Admission is subject to administrative review of any educational records.
  - c. Transportation will not be provided for non-resident students.
  - d. Admission is probationary, subject to periodic review. Admission of non-resident students must be re-approved annually.
  - e. Responsibility of the legal guardian to notice school on permanent resident.
  
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 15<sup>th</sup> and the second half paid by January 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 91<sup>st</sup> day of school. Any student beginning on or after the 91<sup>st</sup> day will be charged the half year tuition fee, due upon enrollment.

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#### Tuition Waiver

The Board of Education may approve requests for school attendance in Sharon for children living outside Sharon without charge only if there is a compelling public purpose to be served, such as:

##### 1. Former Students:

When a student becomes a non-resident 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:

- 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 the following conditions:

- a. Parents must assume responsibility for transportation.
- b. The non-resident admission status with tuition waiver is limited to a semester (45 school days). Request for extension must be made to the Board of Education.

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#### **Tuition Waiver** (continued)

#### **3. Hardship Cases**

Non-resident 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. If granted, the non-resident 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. Non-resident Staff Members' Children**

Requests from 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 student enrollment at the time of request and other items deemed pertinent by the Principal and Superintendent.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-4a Educational interests of state defined (amended by PA 97-290, An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities.

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 Students to attend regional school.

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

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