

**Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy**  
**Policy F13-L-WTES**  
**F13-L-WTES: ADMISSION OF RESIDENT**  
**STUDENTS**

**Policy** It is the policy of the Waitsfield Town School District that any legal pupil who is a resident as defined in 16 V.S.A. §1075 shall be eligible to attend school in this District.

**Residence Criteria**

For purposes of determining residency, the Board will apply the definitions contained in 16 V.S.A. §1075(a). Criteria for proving permanent residency shall include voter registration, automobile registration, employment, postal address, property ownership and other indications of intent to reside permanently within the District. The burden of proving residency or any other basis for entitlement to school enrollment or tuition assistance shall be on the student and/or his or her parent or guardian.

The Waitsfield Town School District will not allow a non-resident student to attend prior to residency being established.

The residency of pupils under the care and custody of a state agency or child placement agency, children of homeless parents, and independent children shall be determined in accord with the requirements of 16 V.S.A. §1075 (c)-(h)

**Change of Residence**

Parents or guardians of students who are residents of the District and enrolled in school for 135 days (3/4 of the school year) in a school year, and who move from the District before the school year ends, may apply to the Superintendent for permission to finish the school year on a pro-rated tuition basis or with a tuition waiver. The Superintendent shall consider the student's age, attendance record during the year, progress in school and other relevant factors when considering requests to remain enrolled in school for the remainder of the school year, and shall make recommendations to the Board accordingly.

**Decisions and Appeals**

Decisions regarding student residency or continued enrollment except for state-placed students will be made by the Board. An interested person or taxpayer may appeal a residency decision of the Board to the Commissioner of Education as provided in 16 V.S.A. §1075(b).

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Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §§1073 et seq. (Legal pupil)

16 V.S.A. §1075 (c)-(h) (State placed students)

VT State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices, §1250 (Discrimination)

Cross Reference: Tuition Payment (F16)