

**Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy
Policy F14-L-WTES**

**F14-L-WTES: ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT
TUITION STUDENTS**

Policy It is the policy of the Waitsfield Town School District to accept non-resident students on a tuition basis from towns that do not operate a school or with a Memorandum of Understanding between Superintendents.

Non-resident students are admitted to the schools of this District, when space is available, in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations governing tuition payment and non-discrimination. This policy shall not apply to students who are enrolled through the public high school choice program created by Act 129 of 2011(Adj. Sess.).¹

¹ See 16 V.S.A. §822a

The Waitsfield Town School District will allow enrollment by non-resident students whose tuition and excess special education costs, including but not limited to, evaluations, equipment and services, are paid by another school district or individual.

Implementation

1. Tuition: By February 1st of each year, the Board shall establish non-resident tuition rates for the next school year. Separate tuition rates may be established for elementary and secondary students, and for students who are eligible to participate in special education programs. Tuition rates will be established in accord with Chapter 21 of Title 16 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, and regulations of the State Board of Education.

2. Criteria for Admission: No non-resident will be denied admission as a tuition student if the reason for denial is that the student is disabled as defined in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended or that the student is in need of special education services. Nor will any child be denied admission on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), ancestry, national origin, place of birth, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status or any other classification protected by federal or state law.

3. Subject to the non-discrimination requirements above, a non-resident who applies for admission as a tuition student shall be admitted if space is available and, if the student has previously attended school, the student is in good standing at the school or schools most recently attended. Good standing shall be demonstrated when the applicant shows:

- √ that he/she has not been legally dismissed or suspended for more than ten days during the preceding twelve months for disciplinary reasons, and
- √ that he/she is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of an approved school or home study program, and
- √ that his/her school attendance record presents a reasonable likelihood that any existing attendance requirements of this School District will be met.

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