

ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

The Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District affirms that its primary responsibility is to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children who are legal district residents and who are of legal age to attend school.

The Board retains the sole discretion to deny admission to any student not meeting all of the requirements set forth in this policy.

- A. Non-resident students are those who reside outside the school district.
- B. Children of school district employees who receive benefits, who are not residents of the District may attend District schools without payment of tuition as long as the District is not going to absorb additional expenses (extra staffing, services required, etc.). If admitted, students must remain "good school citizens" following the Code of Conduct. Disciplinary issues leading to a Superintendent's Hearing may lead to a Contract of Conduct or removal from the District.
- C. The District reserves the right to determine school placement pending the enrollment of non-resident students. Parents/guardians of non-resident students are responsible for providing all transportation, regardless of the school placement location.
- D. Children of future residents who have signed a contract to rent or completed a legal closing on a purchased home in the District, and Grade 12 students of residents moving out of the District may remain enrolled without paying tuition. The District is not responsible for transportation in these situations.
- E. Non-resident students may be accepted on an annual tuition-paying basis only if:
 - 1. there is no increase in the number of staffing or additional resources required to accommodate them;
 - 2. after consultation with the District, it appears to the Principal at the time of acceptance that no class on the entry level will contain more than the desired number of students; and
 - 3. the student maintains status as a "good school citizen" following the Student Handbook and the Code of Conduct.
- F. Tuition for non-resident students shall be set annually by the Board of Education and shall be consistent with State Education Law. For school attendance by a non-resident student for a period longer than ninety (90) calendar days, tuition is payable in advance for each succeeding thirty (30) calendar days, or on a pro-rated basis.

G. The tuition charged by the Board of Education for non-resident pupils shall be paid to this school district in advance in two non-refundable installments. Each installment shall be approximately 50% of the total charge. The first installment of each year is an estimation which shall be adjusted under the formula issued annually by the New York State Education Department and adopted by the Board of Education. Installments shall be due and payable as follows:

1. The first installment shall be due and payable on or before September 1.
2. The second installment shall be due and payable on or before January 29.

This policy is not applicable to homeless students entitled to attend district schools under federal and state law and regulations, who may not be currently residing in the district (see policy 5151, Homeless Children). Homeless students who are not entitled to attend district schools under federal and state laws may be considered for non-resident enrollment under this policy. This policy is also not intended to cover students who are placed in district programs by agreement with, and paid for by, another school district.

Future Residents

The children of families who have signed a contract to buy or build a residence in the school district may be enrolled during the semester in which they expect to become residents, without payment of tuition.

Former Residents

Students whose families have moved out of the district may continue to attend districts schools under the following circumstances:

- Former residents who move prior to April 1 may continue enrollment upon the payment of tuition from the date of the departure to the end of the school year.
- Former residents who move after April 1 will be permitted to finish the school year without charge.
- Former residents enrolled in grade 12 at the time of departure from the district may be permitted to finish high school and graduate with their class without charge.

However, homeless students who are no longer district residents due to homelessness are addressed in policy 5151, Homeless Children.

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8 NYCRR Part 174
Appeal of Akiowo, 48 Ed Dept Rep 34 (2008)

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