

STUDENTS:

Waiver of Tuition for Nonresident Students:

The Somers Board of Education recognizes that under certain conditions it is appropriate to waive tuition for nonresident students.

Below are set forth the conditions under which the Superintendent, in his sole discretion, may waive tuition for nonresident students. Any request for waivers under circumstances not included herein will be considered by the Board of Education upon written request of the parents or guardians to the Superintendent.

Any request for waiver of tuition which has been denied under this policy may be appealed in writing to the Board of Education for final determination.

Tuition for a nonresident student may be waived by the Superintendent under the following conditions:

1. When the parents or guardians of the student have made a firm commitment for moving into the community. After such commitment, residence must become effective within sixty (60) days. Under unusual conditions, as determined by the Superintendent, the time limit may be extended but under NO conditions shall the time be extended beyond the fiscal year.
2. When the parents or guardians of the child move from Somers prior to the end of the school year. The parents/guardian may request that their child be allowed to remain in Somers tuition free until the end of the school year.
3. When the nonresident student is a child of a Somers Board of Education full-time employee. The child may be enrolled if there is classroom space and facilities available. This shall be in effect only at the time of the student's potential enrollment
4. When a student attends Somers High School as a bonafide exchange student, living with a resident of Somers and meets the following criteria:
  - a) A sponsoring agency must be accepted by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel as listed in their annual publication, Advisory List of International Educational Travel & Exchange Programs.
  - b) Notification of the intent to sponsor a student should be submitted in written form by March 15 and finalized with names of host families and, if possible, exchange students' names by June 1. The entire application process must be directed to the Guidance Department. Exceptions may only be granted by the high school administration.
  - c) The number of foreign exchange students cannot exceed 5% of the graduating class.

d) Each approved sponsoring agency must be a chartered nonprofit agency and be represented by a local representative who is not financially compensated in relationship to the number of particular placements completed at any school.

e) In all cases of student acceptance and placement, the decision of the high school administration is final.

~~e) All other conditions listed in DBS CODE 5118 shall also be considered when reviewing an application.~~

All conditions for accepting a nonresident student into the Somers Public Schools in Policy DBS Code 5118 will apply.

The Superintendent of Schools shall report annually the number of students affected by this policy.

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