

BOE Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2020 4:00 PM

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CZAPA NOTES: To help support our current non-resident staff in the daycare, I am proposing a reduction/waiver in the tuition rate. This will help our staff with their day care needs due to the Hybrid reopening plans on districts. This would be good only for the 2020-21 school year. It will not resolve their needs in totality but it would certainly help. Acceptance of non-resident students will be based on seat availability.

STUDENTS

Nonresident Attendance:

Nonresident students may attend the Somers Public Schools based upon the following criteria set forth in this policy:

1. Attendance Criteria:

- a) When required by State law.
- b) When the nonresident student is part of a specialized program (e.g. Project Choice). The specialized program must be approved by the Somers Board of Education.
- c) Individual requests recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Somers Board of Education. Such individual requests may include a waiver, pro-ration, or reduction of tuition.
- d) When documentation is provided to the Superintendent that the student will become a resident of Somers within the school year. Parents of the student must produce verifiable documents that they have purchased a current residence or will have completed construction of a new residence within the school year. The Superintendent may waive or pro-rate any applicable tuition costs dependent on individual circumstances.
- e) When the student attends school as part of a recognized foreign exchange program.

f) When the nonresident student is a child of a Somers Board of Education employee the child may be enrolled subject to the following:

(i) There is classroom space and facilities available. This shall be in effect only at the time of the student's potential enrollment.

(ii) A tuition fee assessed at 50% of the rate as determined by Section 2 of this policy for all employees hired after March 1, 2001.

(NOTE: All current employees of the Somers Board of Education hired before March 1, 2001 shall be eligible to enroll students at 40% of the rate as determined by Section 2 of this policy.)

(iii) The reduced tuition rate is predicated on continuous, unbroken enrollment in the Somers Public Schools. Students forfeit their eligibility and will be subject to possible rate adjustment as determined by this policy if they leave the district and then wish to re-enroll. Recognized foreign exchange programs or extended illnesses are not subject to this forfeiture.

(iv). For the 2020-21 school year, the Superintendent may waive/modify tuition rates for current non-Somers resident employees of the Somers Board of Education due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Superintendent reserves the right to accept/deny non-resident students based on availability of seats in a classroom. The Superintendent will report back to the BOE on the acceptances of non-resident students.

2. Tuition Rate

The stipulated tuition rate will be based on the most current expenditure data as reported for Somers by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The following expenditure categories will be used in the calculation of the tuition: regular instruction; pupil support services; administration; fiscal and other support services; and operation/maintenance of plant.

3. Nonresident students attending Somers Public Schools will be governed by the same student discipline and behavior policies applicable to resident students.

4. Any nonresident student accepted into the Somers Public Schools who requires special education services, or who after admission is considered to be a candidate for special education services, shall not be referred to a Somers planning and placement team, but shall be referred to the planning and placement team in the community where the student would otherwise be attending school for all special

education decisions. The Somers Board of Education will not be responsible for any special education costs of nonresident students unless required by law.

5. Any nonresident student enrolled in the Somers Public Schools, pursuant to this policy, may be entitled to transportation services within the Town of Somers. Upon acceptance for attendance, the parents or guardians should specify whether they will transport the child to and from school or whether they will transport the child to and from a mutually acceptable bus stop in Somers. The Board reserves the right to determine what constitutes an acceptable bus stop.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[4](#) 176e through [4](#) 185 Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.

[10](#) 186 Duties of local and regional Boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state Board. Establishment of hearing board.

[10](#) 253 School privileges for students in certain placements and temporary shelters.

Adopted: March 10, 1986

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May 8, 1995

June 14, 1999

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February 26, 2001

July 9, 2009

August 28, 2017

March 26, 2018

ADMIN. REG: 5118

ADOPTED: 3/10/86

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APPLICATION FOR NON-RESIDENT ATTENDANCE

Entering _____ Date _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____ of Birth _____

School Last Attended:

Address: _____ Zip _____

Parent's Name:

(Legal Guardian) _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Town of Residence:

I/we, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of _____, wish to have

_____ attend Somers Public Schools for the _____ - _____ school year as

a non-resident student.

I/we understand that, unless waived, we are obligated to pay the established tuition rate in quarterly installments on September 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1, with one-fourth paid each quarter. Should attendance begin after the start of the school year, tuition will be pro-rated at the rate of 1/180 for each day of membership.

I hereby give my permission for the Somers Public Schools to send for the school records of my child.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Will your child be using the school bus? Yes _____ No _____

If no, how will your child be brought to school

and picked up? _____

2. Has your child been identified as gifted? Yes _____ No _____

3. Has your child been identified as handicapped: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what form of handicap? _____

Has there been a PPT? Yes _____ No _____

If special programming necessary? Yes _____ No _____

4. Has your child's behavior been acceptable at the

last school attended? Yes _____ No _____

5. Are there any other conditions or circumstances of which

you are aware which may effect this application? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian