

Students

Non-Resident Students

A non-resident student is a student who:

1. Resides outside of the school district, or
2. Resides within the school district on a temporary basis, or
3. Resides within the school district on a permanent basis but with pay to the persons with whom the student is living.

Students placed within the district by Welfare Agencies, State of Connecticut, or other agencies shall be provided appropriate educational services. When “nexus” responsibility resides with another school district, tuition (including transportation costs) may be charged for students placed by State agencies.

Non-resident students may be accepted by the Board of Education on a tuition basis when class size, transportation, or other considerations do not prevent such acceptance. The Superintendent of Schools shall present requests from parents/guardians of non-resident students to the Board of Education for approval except as provided in the following paragraph.

Non-resident students may be allowed to attend a local school without tuition upon the approval of the Superintendent of Schools following written parental request when:

1. A family moves from the district after the school year has begun, or
2. A family residing outside the district has firm plans to move into the district within the current school year, or

Tuition shall be computed by the Superintendent of Schools subsequent to budget approval and prior to the opening of school by dividing the best available current enrollment figures into the total budget minus all revenues, and grants; cost of construction projects and equipment purchases; and transportation.

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.

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ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Homeless Students

The Board shall make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children within the district, encourage their enrollment, and eliminate existing barriers to their education, which may exist in district policies or practices, in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws.

Further, it is the policy of the Board of Education that no child or youth shall be discriminated against or stigmatized in this school district because of homelessness. Homeless students, as defined by federal and state statutes, residing within, the district or residing in temporary shelters in the district, are entitled to free school privileges.

Homeless students within the district not placed in a shelter remain the district's responsibility to provide continued educational services. Such services for the child may be:

1. Continued in the school ("school of origin") that the student attended when permanently housed or the school of last enrollment; or
2. Provided in the school that is attended by other students living in the same attendance area where the homeless child lives.

To the extent feasible, a homeless child will be kept in the school of origin, unless it is against the wishes of the parent/guardian.

Homeless children shall be provided educational services that are comparable to those provided to other students enrolled in the district, including but not limited to, Title I, transportation services, compensatory educational programs, gifted and talented, special education, ESL, health services, and food and nutrition programs.

The Superintendent of Schools shall refer identified homeless children under the age of eighteen who may reside within the school district, unless such children are emancipated minors, to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

The district administration shall attempt to remove existing barriers to school attendance by homeless emancipated minors and youth eighteen years of age:

1. The selected school for the homeless child shall enroll the child, even in the absence of records normally required for enrollment. The last school enrolled shall be contacted to obtain records.
2. Other enrollment requirements that may constitute a barrier to the education of the homeless child or youth may be waived at the discretion of the Superintendent. If the district is unable to determine the student's grade level due to missing or incomplete records, the district shall administer tests or utilize other reasonable means to determine the appropriate grade level for the child.

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3. Fees and charges, which may present a barrier to the enrollment or transfer of a homeless child or youth, may be waived at the discretion of the Superintendent.
4. Transportation services must be comparable to those provided other students in the selected school. Transportation shall be provided to the student's school of origin in compliance with federal and state regulations.
5. Official school records, policies, and regulations shall be waived at the discretion of the Superintendent in compliance with federal statutes.
6. The district shall make a reasonable effort to locate immunization records from information available. The district's liaison shall assist the, parent/guardian in obtaining the necessary immunizations and records. The district shall arrange for students to receive immunizations through health agencies and at district expense if no other recourse is available. Immunizations may, however, be waived for homeless youth only in accordance with provisions of Board of Education policy on immunizations.
7. Other barriers to school attendance by homeless children or youth may be waived at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Board directs the Superintendent to appoint the district's educational liaison for homeless children.

Students residing in a temporary shelter are entitled to free school privileges from the district in which the shelter is located or from the school district where they would otherwise reside if not for the placement in the temporary shelter. The district in which the temporary shelter is located shall notify the district where the student would otherwise be attending. The district so notified may choose to either:

1. Continue to provide educational services, including transportation between the temporary shelter and the school in the home district; or
2. Pay tuition to the district in which the temporary shelter is located.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations, to ensure compliance with applicable statutes in the implementation of this policy.

(cf. 5143 Student Health Assessments and Immunizations)
(cf. 5146 Child Abuse and Neglect)

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Homeless Students (continued)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-253(e) School privileges for children in certain placements, non resident children and children in temporary shelters.

17a-101 Protection of children from abuse. Reports required of certain professional persons. When child may be removed from surrounding without court order.

17a-102 Report of danger of abuse.

17a-103 Reports by others.

17a-106 Cooperation in relation to prevention, identification and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

46b-120 Definitions.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (PL 107-110-Sec 1032) 42 U.S.C. §11431-11435

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Tuition Fees

- A. Students attending regular or special classes in the Andover Elementary School who do not meet the requirements to qualify for tuition-free education opportunities will be considered non-resident students, and their parents or legal guardians will be charged a tuition fee.
1. The annual tuition fee for grade Pre-K - 6 regular program students will be calculated as follows:
 - a. The base rate will be 100% of the most current actual per-pupil cost as reported by the State Department of Education, less transportation and per-pupil ECS grant allowance, if appropriate.
 2. Tuition payments will be made to the Andover Board of Education in four installments on the following schedule: September 1, November 1, February 1, April 1.
 3. If a non-resident special education student's IEP includes provisions requiring additional services, the cost for such services will be added to the student's yearly tuition fee.
 4. A tuition charge for students enrolled or withdrawn at times other than the beginning and end of the school year will be determined on a pro rata basis.
 5. Students will be approved or denied on an individual basis by the Superintendent after a complete review of the student's record and such student's impact on existing programs.
 6. This program is instituted on a space-available basis.
 7. It is clearly understood that the Superintendent of Schools, in conjunction with the Principal of the school, can, with a minimum of two weeks' notice, terminate the program with an individual student for just and appropriate cause as determined by the Superintendent.
 8. Request for participation in this program must be made annually and, therefore, would require the annual review and approval of the Superintendent prior to continuing the following year.

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- B. Non-resident students may be allowed to attend Andover Elementary School tuition-free upon the approval of the Superintendent of Schools following written parental request when:
 - 1. A family moves from the district after the beginning of the fourth quarter of the current school year; or
 - 2. A family residing outside the district demonstrates firm plans to move into the district within the current school year. The parent or legal guardian must sign an agreement to pay quarterly tuition payments on November 1, February 1, April 1 and June 1, if residency is not achieved by the stated date, in order for the child or children to continue attending Andover Elementary School. If a non-resident special education student's IEP includes provisions requiring additional services, the costs will be added to the student's tuition fee.
- C. Non-resident students may be allowed to attend a local school with a tuition adjustment upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and approval of the Board of Education following written parental request when:
 - 1. Extraordinary circumstances exist regarding the child and/or their parent(s).
- D. Children of non-resident staff may be allowed to attend Andover Elementary School on a tuition basis with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools following a written request.
 - 1. The annual tuition for these students will be based on the staff member's length of continuous service in the Andover School District.
 - a. 0-5 years of completed service - seventy-five (75) percent of the average per-pupil cost less transportation, if appropriate, and the amount of the state ECS grant.*
 - b. 6 or more years of completed service - fifty (50) percent of the average per-pupil cost less transportation, if appropriate, and the amount of the state ECS grant.*
 - 2. Tuition payments will be made to the Andover Board of Education on a quarterly basis: November 1, February 1, April 1 and June 1.
 - 3. If a special education program is required, and the student's IEP includes provisions requiring additional services, the cost for such services will be in addition to the student's yearly tuition fee.

There will be no exceptions to this policy.

*Based upon the state per pupil cost for the Andover School District.

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Tuition Fees (continued)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-33 Tuition in towns in which no high school is maintained.

10-35 Notice of discontinuance of high school service to nonresidents.

10-55 Pupils to attend regional school.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

10-253 School privileges for children in certain placements, nonresident children and children in temporary shelters.

10-266 Reimbursement for education of pupils residing in state property.