

Foster-Glocester School District

Non-Resident Students

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy shall be to establish School Committee expectations governing the enrollment and attendance of non-resident students in the Foster-Glocester School District.

PHILOSOPHY:

In general, the school committee expects that all school-age children will be enrolled in a school within their community of residence or as otherwise appropriately provided for within State Law, Department of Education regulations and/or School Committee policy.

Recognizing that special considerations and/or deviations are necessary from time to time, this policy has been adopted to govern the handling of same.

General considerations:

1. Residency will be interpreted as legally residing within the community of Foster or Glocester by virtue of residing with resident parents, custodial parent or step-parent, legal guardian or by state placement within a community residence.
2. Persons who reside outside of the corporate limits of the towns of Foster or Glocester are classified as non-residents and may normally not be enrolled in the Foster-Glocester School District except as authorized hereunder:
 - A. Non-residents participating in a foreign exchange program approved by the School Committee.
 - B. Non-residents enrolled in classes under the aegis of the Northwest Special Education Collaborative, the classes of which are located in facilities owned by and/under the direction of the School Committee.
 - C. Non-residents who enroll in evening and summer school programs on a tuition basis under procedures approved by the School Committee.

- D. Any pupil who is legally residing in the towns of Foster or Glocester and who changes his/her residence to a place outside of the towns of Foster or Glocester during a semester may stay until the end of the semester in the school which he/she has been attending without the payment of tuition. In such cases, the towns of Foster or Glocester shall not be responsible for transportation for the student.
 - E. Pupils whose parents or legal guardians have purchased a home or have a rental agreement in the towns of Foster or Glocester with the intention of establishing residence during the school year (and who have not yet located in the town) may be enrolled in the School District for a period of up to three months before assuming actual residence in Foster or Glocester. The Superintendent may decide any exceptions and/or doubtful questions arising hereunder. In such cases, no claim for transportation shall be made against the Foster-Glocester School Department prior to establishment of domicile at the fore noted residence.
 - F. Any non-resident student whose parent or legal guardian wishes to enroll his or her child as a tuition student shall comply with Policy # 6243
3. The residence of a student shall be determined in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Rhode Island including but not limited to Chapter 64 of Title 16. Should there be a doubt of the residence of any student who wishes to attend or is attending the School District, residence should be determined in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 of Title 16.

Evidence to establish residency shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. drivers license and motor vehicle registration
- B. sales agreement for home, or lease or rental agreement for home
- C. proof of delivery of mail
- D. voting records

In addition, where a parent indicated that they can be reached in an emergency involving their child is their actual residence. Finally, in any case, all disputes over residency will be turned over to our town attendance officer for final determination of residency.

4. The School Committee reserves the right to assess tuition charges against the parents or legal guardians of any student if it is determined that the pupil has taken up residence in the towns of Foster or Glocester for the specific purpose of attending the Foster-Glocester School District.

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