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### Students

#### Non-Resident Attendance and Tuition Fees

The Westport Board of Education (“the Board”) authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to accept nonresident students on a tuition basis under the following conditions:

1. The Board will set tuition rates on an annual basis. In the case of a student entering school after the first day of school, tuition will be prorated on a per diem basis based on a 182 day school year.
2. The admission of any non-resident student is contingent upon the Superintendent of Schools’ assessment of class size and the availability of school resources. A non-resident student will not be admitted if such admission will require that an additional staff member be hired by the Board or if the Superintendent determines, in his/her sole discretion that admitting the student is not in the best interest of Westport Public Schools.
3. Application for admission on a tuition basis shall be made in writing on a form supplied by Westport Public Schools, and the prospective student and the student’s parents/guardians shall be interviewed by the principal of the school which the students would attend if admitted. The decision to admit a tuition student is in the sole discretion of the Superintendent.
4. Semi-annual tuition shall be paid as follows:
  - (a) One-half of the annual tuition fee is payable by the first day of school or the first day the student is enrolled to attend school;
  - (b) One-half of the annual tuition fee is due and payable on January 15th.
5. Tuition students will not be permitted to attend school until the first tuition payment described in paragraph 4(a) above is received by the Superintendent’s office. Tuition students will not be permitted to continue to attend school past January 15 in a given school year unless the second tuition payment described in paragraph 4(b) is received by

the Superintendent's office by January 15. In the event a student withdraws mid-semester, tuition for the semester in progress will not be refunded.

6. Tuition students will not be provided with transportation services provided by the Board and must make their own transportation arrangements. However, tuition students may, at the Superintendent's sole discretion, be allowed to use district transportation services if they board and disembark at an already established bus stop within the district and there is sufficient space on the bus to accommodate them.

This regulation does not obligate the Board to provide special education programs and/or other services beyond the regular education program. The attendance of a tuition student with disabilities at a Westport public school pursuant to the provisions of this regulation is not an acknowledgement that Westport Public Schools must provide special education or other services beyond the regular program, and Westport Public Schools shall not act as the responsible local educational agency for the purpose of meeting the mandates of federal and state laws that concern the education of disabled children. The tuition student's district of residence remains responsible for the provision of a free, appropriate education and meeting all associated procedural requirements. Tuition students requiring special education and/or other services beyond the regular education program must pay, in addition to the regular tuition fee, the full cost of any such special education services and/or other services. Such costs will be estimated at the beginning of the school year and must be paid in two equal installments when regular tuition is paid as described in paragraph 4 above. To the extent that that the costs of such services exceed the estimated amount, Westport Public Schools will send the tuition student's parent(s) or guardian(s) an invoice reflecting the increased amount which must be paid within thirty (30) days of its issuance. If the cost of such services is lower than the estimated amount, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the tuition student will receive a refund reflecting the difference between the estimated costs and the actual costs.

7. Admission as a student will be for one year or less. Students shall be required to reapply for all subsequent years of attendance, and their continued enrollment will be conditioned on the student's cooperation and compliance with all school requirements and expectations, satisfactory academic process and attendance, and a satisfactory disciplinary record. In addition, the decision to readmit a tuition student for subsequent school years is in the sole discretion of the Superintendent. The Superintendent or his/her designee may ~~commence proceedings to deny~~ further school accommodations at any time if he or she determines, in his or her sole discretion, that the student's continued enrollment is not in the best interest of the school system and/or the student. ***Prior to taking such action, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall provide the student's parent or guardian (1) a written notice of the basis for considering such action, and (2) an opportunity to respond to such notice. Thereafter, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall determine whether to terminate school accommodations or to permit continued school accommodations subject to conditions as the Superintendent or his/her designee may establish.***

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-261, Definitions

Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-15, Towns to Maintain Schools

Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-220, Duties of Boards of Education

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