

Marlboro School District Tuition Policy

Code C25: Marlboro Tuition Payment Policy

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Marlboro School District (Marlboro) to enroll non-resident student(s) in the Marlboro School (“Marlboro School”) under such terms and restrictions as Marlboro deems best, and where, in the discretion of the Marlboro School Board and Marlboro administrators it is determined:(1) that there is space available and that enrollment of such non-resident student will not diminish or dilute program opportunities for students who are residents of Marlboro; (2) that costs of educating the non-resident student will not exceed the amount of general education tuition paid for the non-resident student; (3) that the non-resident student can be accommodated in existing classes and with existing staff; (4) that if the non-resident student has previously attended school, the student is a student in good standing at the school most recently attended; and (5) that if not previously enrolled in school, there is a reasonable likelihood that the student will be able to benefit from and succeed in the Marlboro School program

“Good standing” is demonstrated when the applicant shows that he/she is making satisfactory progress toward completion of an approved school or home study program; that he/she has not been legally dismissed or suspended for more than ten days during the preceding 12 months for disciplinary reasons; and that his/her school attendance record presents a reasonable likelihood that any existing Marlboro attendance requirements will be met.

Non-resident students shall only be admitted under the terms of this policy and its implementing procedures, and in compliance with State and federal law governing tuition and non-discrimination, and pursuant to a duly executed tuition agreement.

A. ADMISSION

1. A Non-refundable fee payable to the Marlboro School District will accompany every application. Amount of fee is outlined under paragraph A of Procedures Implementing Marlboro School District’s Non-Resident Tuition Policy. Such fees will be deducted from the first tuition payment of accepted students who choose to enroll.
2. Non-discrimination. Pursuant to Federal and State law, no non-resident child will be subjected to discrimination on account of race, color, creed, sex (gender), sexual orientation, disability, marital status, national origin or gender identity, or denied admission solely on account thereof.
3. Preferred Status. a. Where insufficient spaces are available for non-resident applicants for a given class in the coming year, priority shall be given to qualifying members of the following

groups, in the order listed: (i)) children of non-resident employees. [This order of priority shall be subject only to precedence afforded to non-resident students of staff members, if any, in the event that employment agreement(s) provide for same.] See, Section 7, of Procedures Implementing Marlboro School District's Non-Resident Tuition Policy.

(ii) non-resident students who have been accepted and completed a year at Marlboro, who wish to return for the coming year; (iii) siblings of such students.

b. If for a given school year there are more non-resident students in a group with preferred status than there are spots available, a lottery will be held promptly following May 15, among members of the group(s) by order of priority, who have submitted their applications to the Board on or before April 15, to select students to be admitted to the class.

4. Long-term suspension or expulsion. Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1163(a), Marlboro shall honor long term suspensions or expulsions imposed on students by other school districts, where application is made for admission of such non-resident students to the Marlboro School.

B. ENROLLMENT.

1. Discipline During Enrollment. All tuition students shall be subject to the same rules of conduct to which Marlboro students are subject, and Marlboro reserves the right to take disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, in response to misconduct by a tuition student, in compliance with State and federal law.

2. Tuition. Tuition rates will be established in accord with Chapter 21 of Title 16 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, and pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, for general education tuition. By February 1 each year, the Marlboro Board shall establish non-resident tuition rates for the next school year. Separate tuition rates may be established for preschool, elementary and middle school students as and to the extent allowed by law.

3. Commitment to Pay Tuition. A student shall not be enrolled without a signed binding tuition agreement ensuring the timely payment of tuition and related costs. A student shall not commence attendance at the beginning of a semester if tuition payment(s) are not current.

4. Terms of Payment. A. Tuition for non-resident students placed by another school district shall be payable in two installments, the first in November and the second in February of the school year, pursuant to a schedule set by the Windham Central Supervisory Union business office.

B. Parents tuitioning non-resident students will be required to make an initial deposit equivalent to 10% of total annual tuition less any applications fees already paid, due no later than August 25th. Such families may have the option of paying tuition on a 10 payment basis, with a first payment on August 25, with the final payment due on May 25 of the school year. A pro rata tuition payment will be payable for a student who enrolls after the beginning of a semester.

C. IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES. The Superintendent/designee shall prepare, and from time to time amend as needed, procedures to implement the terms of this policy, including but not limited to, application, enrollment and appeal procedures, and procedures regarding referral of non-resident students to their districts of residence for special education evaluations.

Cross References: Continuance of Expulsion or Suspension Policy # _____.

Legal References: 16 V.S.A. §1073 et seq.; 16 V.S.A. §1093;
16 V.S.A. §823, et seq.; 16 V.S.A. §1163;
Vt. State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices, §1250; 9 V.S.A. §4500, et
seq.