

NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 1000: STUDENTS

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RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

I. Resident Students

- A. Children of school age who are bona fide residents of North Branford are entitled to school accommodations provided by the North Branford Board of Education without payment of tuition.
- B. A bona fide resident for purpose of this policy is defined as:
 - 1. Any child who is residing with his or her parents or parent who is a bona fide resident of North Branford; or
 - 2. Any child who is residing with a legally appointed guardian who is a bona fide resident of North Branford; or
 - 3. A legally emancipated minor or a child eighteen years of age or older who is residing in North Branford with the intent to reside on a permanent basis.

II. Non-Resident Students

- A. Children of school age who are not residents of North Branford but who are residing with adult relatives or non-relatives who are bona fide residents of North Branford may be entitled to school accommodations provided by the North Branford Board of Education without payment of tuition, provided that the child's residence in North Branford, according to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-253:
 - 1. is to be permanent. For the purpose of this policy, the term "permanent" shall be defined as the intent by the non-resident student, the North Branford relative or non-relative, and the student's parent or guardian, that said student intends to reside in North Branford indefinitely;
 - 2. is provided by the North Branford relative or non-relative without payment or compensation by the child's parent or legal guardian; and
 - 3. is not for the sole purpose of attending North Branford public schools.

The Superintendent shall require that affidavits shall be executed by both the child's parent or legal guardian and the North Branford relative or non-relative attesting to the child's residence in North Branford. The Superintendent may also require any other supporting documentation as she/he deems necessary.

- B. Except as provided above, children who are not bona fide residents of North Branford may be permitted to attend North Branford public schools at the discretion of the North Branford Board of Education, or the Superintendent, or their designees, upon such terms as said Board shall establish on a space available basis. Said terms may include the payment of appropriate tuition as determined by the North Branford Board of Education. Non-resident students who are permitted to attend North Branford schools shall be responsible to provide their own transportation to and from school.
- C. Children who are citizens of a foreign country may be permitted to attend the North Branford public schools without payment of tuition, if they are participants in a foreign student exchange program, reside in North Branford and are approved by the Superintendent.
- D. The decision regarding the residency status of any child shall be made by the Superintendent. At the end of each school year, the Superintendent will review the status of each non-resident child enrolled pursuant to this policy for approval or denial for the ensuing school year.
- E. The Superintendent shall require that parents or guardians of a child provide appropriate proof of residency in North Branford prior to enrollment of their child in the North Branford public schools. The Superintendent shall also require that parents or guardians of a child already enrolled in the North Branford public schools provide appropriate proof of residency in North Branford when there is:
 - 1. Change of residence or address;
 - 2. Return of school mailing by the U.S. Postal Service because addressee was unknown at the address given to school.
 - 3. Report of non-resident status of student enrolled in North Branford;
 - 4. Other indications of non-residency.

Upon the suspicion of non-residency, an investigation shall be conducted which may include:

- 1. Study of documentation previously submitted by parent/guardian;

2. Requirement to submit documents verifying residency;
 3. An investigation of tax and/or other records to determine residency;
 4. Additional investigation if deemed necessary.
- F. In the event it is determined by the Superintendent that a child is not a legal resident of North Branford and is not entitled to be provided free school accommodations by the North Branford Board of Education, the parent or guardian of the child or the legally emancipated minor or child over the age of eighteen (18) shall be notified in writing pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 10-186 that he or she has a right to request a hearing before the North Branford Board of Education, or a committee of the Board, regarding this issue.
- G. In the event it is determined that a child is not legally entitled to be provided school accommodation by the North Branford Board of Education without the payment of tuition, the North Branford Board of Education may, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 10-186 assess, the child's parent or guardian for tuition for that period of time that the child was not legally entitled to attend the North Branford Public Schools and may seek civil remedies to collect any unpaid assessments of tuition.

Legal Authority: Connecticut General Statutes 10-253; 10-186

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