

Jefferson Village School Admission of Non-Resident Students

PREFACE: To a major extent, the taxpayers of Jefferson School District and Jefferson Village School bear the financial responsibility for providing education for school aged children residing within its geographical boundaries.

- I. PURPOSE: To operate the school for the benefit of children who reside within the town of Jefferson and who are eligible for attendance, but to also permit the admission of non-resident students in accordance with the terms of this policy.
- II. DEFINITION: “Non-resident students” shall mean those students who do not reside within the town of Jefferson, but who are permitted to attend the school under the terms of this policy.
- III. POLICY: To ensure the manageability of class sizes and the viability of the education program, the JVS School Committee must limit non-resident admission, therefore:
 - A. The School Committee reserves the right to verify the residency and guardianship of all students.
 - B. Non-resident children placed in the school district (permitted to attend tuition free).
 1. Any child placed in the home of a resident of the school district by a court or an agency of government, shall be admitted to the school and shall receive the same benefits and be subject to the same duties as resident children provided that the school Board reserves the right, prior to such placement and within two weeks of the written request submitted by the prospective caretaker of the child to the superintendent, to deny the child’s admission when conditions exist which should exempt admitting the non-resident custodial child.
 2. Children that qualify as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act may be eligible for attendance at JVS, under the conditions and as permitted by the Act.
 - C. Non-resident children (permitted to attend tuition free)
 1. Residents moving in to the school district.
 - a. A child whose parent/guardian has executed a contract to buy, build, or rent a residence for their personal occupancy in the school district may be enrolled for up to 90 school days without payment of tuition. If the child does not become a resident/occupant of the school district within the 90 days, tuition shall be required from the first day that the child attended school until such time as the parent or guardian becomes a resident.
 - b. A parent or guardian of children who claims admission on the basis of future residency shall be required to demonstrate proof of the anticipated residence. The Superintendent reserves the right to verify such claims and

to remove from school, and require tuition for, any non-resident student whose claim is invalid.

2. Resident moving outside of Central Lincoln County School System/AOS 93
 - a. Regularly enrolled children whose parents have moved from the school district on or after February 1st of the current school year, may be permitted to finish the school year without payment of tuition.
 - b. Regularly enrolled children whose parents move from the school district prior to February 1st may remain enrolled for the remainder of the school year with payment of tuition prorated for the remainder of the school year.
3. Children where there is a dual residency (joint custody)

No tuition shall be charged for a child of a Jefferson resident parent who is separated or divorced from the other parent of the child where there is a joint custody of said child. In order to qualify for the above provision, documentation must be provided to the principal that joint custody has been awarded or affirmed (e.g. court order/consent agreement).

4. Children who are residents of the towns of Bristol, Bremen, Damariscotta, Newcastle, Nobleboro, and South Bristol may be admitted by authorization of the Superintendent under the AOS 93 Open Enrollment Guidelines.

D. Non-resident students admitted on a tuition basis

1. Upon recommendation of the principal, a non-resident student may be admitted to JVS to receive special education services. Tuition will be charged to the student's resident school district and will be determined based on the actual cost of services provided.
2. Individual students from another SAU may attend JVS on a tuition basis based upon state established tuition rates. Student attendance and school citizenship will be viewed in determining length of the individual tuition agreement.
3. Non-resident students of staff members will be subject to the same terms and considerations as all other students requesting admission under this policy.

E. Siblings of students approved for admission at JVS will not be automatically approved for admission at JVS. All students will be considered individually.

IV. TUIITION RATE: Tuition will be charged on a quarterly basis to non-residents admitted to the school. It will be set at the allowable tuition rate established by state law unless otherwise noted. Enrollment is contingent upon payment in advance on a quarterly basis.

V. LENGTH OF ADMISSION: The principal will make every effort to allow non-resident students to complete their course of studies through the eighth grade. Therefore, consideration of space available should cover the period the applicant expects to attend the school. Student attendance, school citizenship, and financial impact on the school

will be viewed in determining length of the individual tuition agreement. The default length of agreement will be for one school year only, and the request must be submitted annually for approval.

- VI. TRANSPORTATION: All costs related to transportation to and from JVS of non-resident students shall be borne by the parent/guardian or sending community.
- VII. TERMINATION: Continuing attendance at JVS will be contingent upon the school citizenship of the tuition student. Chronic violation of the school rules may result in termination of the agreement to attend Jefferson Village School.

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Reference: AOS 93 Open Enrollment Guidelines