

Students

Nonresident Attendance

A non-resident student may be enrolled in the Stafford Public Schools based on the following criteria set forth in this policy:

1. Attendance Criteria:

- a. He/she resides in a school district which has entered into a contractual agreement with the Stafford Board of Education for the education of these students.
- b. A tuition student with the approval of the Superintendent and the recommendation of the school Principal who has screened the applicant and considered class loads.
- c. Any Stafford High School student whose parents move to a neighboring community during the course of the senior year can apply for permission to attend Stafford High School during his/her senior year without payment of tuition. The determination will be made by the Superintendent of Schools, contingent upon the recommendation of the high school principal and student records that can demonstrate that the student is in good standing in academics, conduct and attendance. If approved for continued enrollment, transportation will be provided by parents.
- d. When documentation is provided to the Superintendent that the student will become a resident of Stafford within the school year. Parents of the student must produce verifiable documents that they have purchased a current residence or will have completed construction of a new residence within the school year. The Superintendent may waive or pro-rate any applicable tuition costs dependent on individual circumstances.
- e. When the student attends school as part of a recognized foreign exchange or F1 Visa program.
- f. When the nonresident is a child of a Stafford Board of Education employee, the child may be enrolled subject to the following and is based on the employee's continued employment with the Board:
 - (i) There is classroom space and facilities available. This shall be in effect only at the time of the student's potential enrollment.
 - (ii) A tuition fee assessed at 50% of the rate as determined by Section 2 of this policy for all employees.
 - (iii) The reduced tuition rate is predicated on continuous, unbroken enrollment in the Stafford Public Schools. Students forfeit their eligibility and will be subject to possible rate adjustment as determined by this policy if they leave the district and then wish to re-enroll. Recognized foreign exchange or FI Visa programs or extended illnesses are not subject to this forfeiture.

2. Tuition Rate

- a. The stipulated tuition rate will be based on the most current expenditure data as calculated

by the CSDE in the ED001 report. Half-day kindergarten tuition shall be 50% of stipulated rate, with all other full-day programs/levels being 100% of the stipulated rate.

3. Nonresident students attending Stafford Public Schools will be governed by the same student discipline and behavior policies applicable to resident students.
4. Any nonresident student accepted into the Stafford Public Schools who requires special education services, or who after admission is considered to be a candidate for special education services, shall not be referred to a Stafford Planning and Placement Team (PPT), but shall be referred to the PPT in the community where the student would otherwise be attending school for all special education decisions. The Stafford Board of Education will not be responsible for any special education costs of nonresident students unless required by law.
5. The parents/guardians of any nonresident student enrolled in the Stafford Public Schools, pursuant to this policy, will assume responsibility for transportation.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-4a](#) Educational interests of state defined (amended by PA 97-290, An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities.

[10-33](#) Tuition in towns in which no high school is maintained.

[10-35](#) Notice of discontinuance of high school service to nonresidents.

[10-55](#) Pupils to attend regional school.

[10-253](#) School privileges for children in certain placements, nonresident children and children in temporary shelters.

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