

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for students who want to attend Ledyard Public Schools but whose parent(s)/guardian(s) either reside outside Ledyard at the start of the school year or move out of Ledyard during the school year. This policy does not apply to students who: (1) have been approved to attend the Agri-Science and Technology Education program at Ledyard High School; (2) reside within the Ledyard portions of the New London Submarine Base and the Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Indian Reservation; or (3) have been placed within Ledyard by a “public agency” in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 10-76d and 10-253.

Before applying the requirements of this policy, the administration shall ensure that the student in question does not meet the definition of a “homeless” or “migrant” student as delineated in Policies 5118.1 and 5118.2, respectively. “Foreign exchange students” are governed by the requirements of Policy 5111.2.

Students who reside with persons in Ledyard who are not the student’s parents or legal guardians are prohibited from attending Ledyard Public Schools except as outlined in this policy. The requirements for proof of residency and the process for determining residency status, including right to appeal, are delineated in Policy 5111.3.

Non-Resident Tuition Students

The Superintendent is authorized to admit non-resident students on an annual basis as tuition-paying students under the following conditions:

- Acceptance shall be based on the quality of the student’s application packet, which includes an examination of attendance, discipline and academic performance history.
- There is room for the student without undue crowding or the need to hire additional staff.
- Once enrollment is approved, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a non-resident student shall prepay the tuition or arrange for a schedule of tuition payments (e.g., monthly or bi-weekly). For enrollments that are approved after the start of the school year, the tuition charge shall be pro-rated based on the remaining number of school days in the school year.
- Transportation of non-resident students to and from school shall be the responsibility of the students’ parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The approval for enrollment of a non-resident tuition-paying student is made on a school year-by-school year basis. The student’s parent(s)/guardian(s) must reapply for enrollment in each subsequent year.

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**Tuition Rates**

The tuition rate for non-resident students attending Ledyard Public Schools shall be set annually by the Board of Education.

Students Moving to Ledyard

The Superintendent is authorized to admit non-resident students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are in the process of becoming Ledyard residents subject to the following conditions:

- Prior to enrollment, the non-resident student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall provide suitable evidence of their good faith efforts and intent to become residents of Ledyard within ninety (90) school days of their student's enrollment. Such evidence may be a purchase agreement, land purchase with intent to build, a building contract, a lease agreement, or other such documents that show evidence of intent to reside in Ledyard.
- Non-resident students may attend Ledyard Public Schools for a period of up to ninety (90) school days following the submittal of acceptable documentation as outlined above. An extension of time beyond ninety (90) school days may be made under unusual circumstances at the discretion of the Board. In seeking an extension, the non-resident student's parent(s)/guardian(s) must submit the request in writing to the Board via the Superintendent and fully describe the circumstances necessitating the extension. The details of the parent(s)/guardian(s)' request for an extension shall remain confidential.
- Transportation of non-resident students to and from school shall be the responsibility of the students' parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Should, for any reason, the non-resident student's parent(s)/guardian(s) fail to move into Ledyard after ninety (90) school days or by the end of an approved extension, the non-resident student may be allowed to continue in attendance as a tuition student at a pro-rated tuition rate for the remainder of the school year.

Students Moving Out of Ledyard

For the purposes of this policy, the date of moving refers to the date that a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) actually move out of their residence in Ledyard.

Students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) move out of Ledyard during the school year may be allowed to continue attending Ledyard Public Schools for the remainder of the school year on a non-tuition basis under the following conditions: (1) students in their senior year at Ledyard High School; (2) students in grades five and eight (transition grades); and (3) students in any grade, whose parent(s)/guardian(s) move from Ledyard after the 90th student-day of school.

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For all other situations not delineated in the above paragraph, a student whose parent(s)/guardian(s) have moved from Ledyard may remain in Ledyard Public Schools until the end of the school year provided that the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) prepay the tuition or arrange for a schedule of tuition payments (e.g., monthly or bi-weekly), pro-rated for the remainder of the school year.

Children of Military Families

A Ledyard student who is the child of a military family that is moving out of Ledyard shall be allowed to continue attending Ledyard Public Schools through the end of the school year tuition-free while residing with a noncustodial parent or other person standing *in loco parentis*. In the situation where the noncustodial parent, or other person standing *in loco parentis*, resides outside Ledyard, they shall be responsible for transporting the student to and from school.

A school-aged child of a military family that is moving to the region and has been placed with a noncustodial parent, or other person standing *in loco parentis*, who lives in Ledyard shall be allowed to attend Ledyard Public Schools tuition free. In the situation where the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) subsequently settle outside Ledyard, the student shall be allowed to remain in Ledyard Public Schools through the end of the school year tuition-free. If the student does not continue to reside at the Ledyard residence, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be responsible for transporting the student to and from school.

A Ledyard student who is the child of a military family that moves out of Ledyard into military housing in Groton after the start of the school year shall be allowed to continue attending Ledyard Public Schools through the end of the school year tuition-free. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be responsible for transporting the student to and from school.

Children Permanently Residing with Relatives or Nonrelatives in Ledyard

Children residing with relatives or nonrelatives in Ledyard, when it is the intention of both the relatives/nonrelatives and the children's parent(s)/guardian(s) that such residence is to be permanent, provided without pay and not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations, shall be entitled to all free school privileges accorded to other children residing in Ledyard.

In such situations, all parties, including, but not limited to, the child's parent(s)/guardian(s), the relative/nonrelative, emancipated minor or pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be required to submit affidavits documenting that the residence is to be permanent, provided without pay and not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations in Ledyard.

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**Responsibilities**

The Superintendent shall (1) develop administrative procedures to carry out the requirements of this policy and (2) notify students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) of the requirements of this policy and related procedures annually via student handbooks and whenever a student enrolls after the start of the school year.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of non-resident students who have been approved to attend Ledyard Public Schools on either a non-tuition or tuition-paying basis shall be responsible for transporting their students to and from school.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of students who are enrolled in Ledyard Public Schools are required to inform the building Principal when they no longer reside in Ledyard.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of students who are attending a magnet school at the District's expense are required to inform the Superintendent when they no longer reside in Ledyard.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes:

10-15f. Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

10-35. Notice of discontinuance of high school service to nonresidents. Cooperative arrangements and school building projects for school accommodations.

10-76d. Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services. Determination of eligibility for Medicaid. Development of individualized education program. Planning and placement team meetings. Public agency placements; apportionment of costs. Relationship of insurance to special education costs.

10-186. Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. Readmission. Transfers.

10-253. School privileges for children in certain placements, nonresident children, children in temporary shelters, homeless children and children in juvenile detention facilities.

Memorandum of Understanding Between Naval Submarine Base New London and Groton, CT Public Schools and Ledyard, CT Public Schools regarding the delivery of educational services to children moving in or out of military residences.

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