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**Non-resident Attendance:** Non-resident students who do not meet resident criteria may attend local schools with tuition payment. The Superintendent may approve non-resident student attendance with tuition for one (1) year or less if class size and other conditions permit. Tuition rates shall be established by the Board annually.

Students who start a school year as a Vernon resident in one of the Vernon public schools and move out of Vernon during the second semester of the school year, may be allowed, upon written request to the school administration, to complete the current school year, tuition free, in the school where the student started the school year, provided that the student had been in regular attendance and in good standing. In all instances where approval is requested, parents must agree, in their written request, to provide any and all transportation if such is needed. All requests require the approval of the school principal and the superintendent. This provision terminates at the end of that school year.

A Rockville High School student who moves out of district after completion of the junior year may request to complete their senior year at Rockville High School without payment of tuition. A written request by parent/guardian must be submitted to the high school principal. Such request requires the approval of both the high school principal and the superintendent of schools. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

**Foreign Exchange/Guest Students:** Such students may attend local schools only upon permission of the Superintendent after consultation with the Board. Tuition, fees, schedules and academic readiness shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Board of Education may terminate a non-resident tuition student's attendance upon recommendation of the Superintendent if the Board deems such termination in the school district's best interest. A tuition adjustment on a per diem basis will be made in this instance.

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**Vocational Agriculture Students:** Non-Resident Vocational Agriculture students are Rockville High School students. Their tuition is paid for by their sending towns. A non-resident Vo-Ag student who does not wish to continue in the VoAg Program is no longer considered a Rockville High School student. However, a student may continue at Rockville High School as a non-resident, non-VoAg student in accordance with our non-resident attendance policy above.

If a non-resident VoAg student has completed three years in the VoAg Program and wishes to exit the VoAg program in their senior year, they may request to complete their senior year at Rockville High School without payment of tuition. A written request by the parent/guardian must be submitted to the high school principal. Such request requires the approval of both the high school principal and the superintendent of schools. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

**Evidence of Residency:** The Superintendent of Schools or designee may require documentation of family and/or student residency, including affidavits, provided that prior to a request for evidence of residency the parent or guardian, relative or non-relative, emancipated minor, or pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be provided with a written statement of why there is reason to believe such student may not be entitled to attend school in the district. An affidavit may require a statement or statements with documentation that there is bona fide student residence in the district, that the residence is intended to be permanent, that it is provided without pay, and that it is not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations.

**Removal of Non-resident Student from District Schools:** If after a careful review of affidavits and other available evidence, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee believes a student is not entitled to attend local schools, the parent or guardian, the student if an emancipated minor, or a pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be informed in writing that, as of a particular date, the student may no longer attend local schools, and the superintendent shall notify the Board of Education where the child should attend school, if known. If after review district residency is established by the evidence, the parent or guardian, the student if an emancipated minor, or a pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be so informed.

If a student is removed from a district school for non-residency reasons, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall:

1. inform the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, or pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older of the right to a hearing before the Board of education;

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2. provide a transcript of the hearing upon written request of the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, or pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older should the local board of education decision be appealed to the State Board of Education;
3. allow the student to continue in the local school pending a hearing before the State Board if requested in writing by the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, or pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older;
4. assess a per diem tuition for each day a student attended a local school if the student's appeal to the State Board of Education is unsuccessful and the student was judged to have been ineligible to attend the local school.

**Board of Education Hearing:** Upon written request, the board of education shall provide a hearing within ten (10) days after receipt of such request. If there is a hearing, the Board shall make a stenographic record or tape recording of the hearing; shall make a decision on student eligibility to attend local schools within ten (10) days after the hearing; and shall notify the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, or student eighteen (18) years of age or older of its findings. Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4-177 to 4-180 inclusive of Connecticut General Statutes.

The board shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of an appeal, forward the hearing record to the State Board of Education.

### Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

4-176e through 4-185 Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.

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

10-253 School privileges for students in certain shelters, and temporary placements.

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