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Admission of Non-Resident Students

1. Brooklin School may accept tuition students annually on an individual basis. The School Board delegates the decision to accept tuition students to the Superintendent. Each tuition request will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Adequate space and other resources are available in the school for that tuition student.
 - b. No student who lives in the district shall be denied educational programs because of the acceptance of that tuition student.
 - c. It will be in the best interest of the school to accept and retain that tuition student. Brooklin School has the right to remove a tuition student from the attendance roll, upon recommendation by the Superintendent and with School Board approval, removal may occur if the student is disruptive to the learning environment or is not profiting from the learning environment.
 - d. Requests from parents on behalf of a child was educated the previous year on a tuition basis will be given priority over other tuition requests.
 - e. Reapplication shall be made annually. Behavior, cooperation and suitability of programming shall be considered.
 - f. In accordance with Maine law related to the assignment of students for school purposes, such as: state wards; students for whom the Superintendent determines it is in the student's best interest to attend; students placed by state agencies; homeless children of school age; students living at light, fog warning or life stations; temporary residents; a transfer student when the two Superintendents approve in the student's best interest.
 - g. Upon special permission granted by the Superintendent, to provide continuity of program for a student whose family provides evidence of intent to move to the community shortly after a school year begins, or moves from the community near the end of the school year.
2. The tuition to be charged is determined by the Maine Department of Education.
3. The Superintendent's office will bill the parents or legal guardian of the student for the tuition on a monthly basis starting at the beginning of September and ending at the beginning of June of the current school year. The amount for initial payments will be based on the previous year's approved tuition rate. An adjustment will be made when the current year's approved rate is established by the Department of Education, usually in November. If a tuition student withdraws from school, repayment of the balance of the tuition will be made to the parents or legal guardian based upon the per diem rate.

If payment of tuition is thirty or more days in arrears, the parent or guardian of the student will be notified that the student will be removed from the attendance rolls in ten school days unless payment is made. If the tuition payment is not received within that ten-day period, the Superintendent shall terminate the student's enrollment. Written notice shall be sent to the parent and the superintendent of the school administrative unit where the student resides.

4. Upon recommendation of the High School Principal, the Superintendent may authorize enrollment of a foreign exchange student assigned to a household in the community served by the school unit and under the auspices of a recognized foreign exchange program.

If a secondary school requires tuition for exchange students in a program approved for subsidy by the Maine Department of Education and if funds are available, the Committee will pay tuition at George Stevens Academy, Deer Isle-Stonington High School or the Blue Hill Harbor School for one student from another country assigned to a household in the community served by the school unit.

All requirements regarding age, health examinations, immunizations, etc., which apply to resident students shall also apply to non-resident students accepted for enrollment in this school system.

References: 20-A MRSA 5203 et seq.

8 USC 1101