

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

In rare and unusual cases the Board will consider authorizing the special placement of students in out-of-district programs not otherwise available as part of the District and/or Fryeburg Academy's normal set of curricular offerings.

For students in grades 9-12, the stipulations and procedures as provided for in the District's contract with Fryeburg Academy will prevail.

This policy shall not apply to students being reviewed for special needs programming under auspices of the District's special education program / procedures and the law relating thereto.

For all other students the following procedures for consideration will apply:

1. All requests for special placement must be in writing to the Superintendent.
2. Requests may be initiated by the student's parents / guardians or by District personnel of direct concern.
3. Requests must be submitted by March 1 for placements to begin by the start of the following school year.
4. On receiving a request, the Superintendent will convene the Board's Student Affairs Committee. The student's parents / guardians will be invited to participate in the review deliberations. The Committee will include a representative from Fryeburg Academy when the request concerns a secondary student.
5. In general, The Student Affairs Committee will not be convened unless, in the judgment of the Superintendent, all other available programming options for the student have been tried or otherwise appropriately eliminated.
6. The Student Affairs Committee shall review all data and information relevant to the request available in the school records and as otherwise may be provided by the parents / guardians of concern at their own expense.
7. The Student Affairs Committee shall complete its review and forward a recommendation to the full Board no later than the last week in May.

8. The full Board shall have final authority to approve or deny any request that it receives. The full Board also shall have final authority on special limits and/or conditions, such as a maximum on tuition to be paid, as it deems appropriate to apply. In general the Board will not provide transportation or other related services except as may be convenient within the normal operations of the District to provide.
9. All special placements to be approved shall be for one year only, but may be extended or continued on the basis of an annual review by the Committee on Student Affairs with a recommendation to the Board as a whole. Records and reports on the student's progress in the special placement shall be provided to the Superintendent of Schools on a regular and timely basis.

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