

JOHN STARK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL REASSIGNMENT POLICY

I. REASSIGNMENT REQUESTS:

The Superintendent shall consider requests for reassignment in accordance with the following:

- A. Reassignment may be made to another school district within SAU #24, or to another SAU.
- B. All requests for reassignment pursuant to RSA 193:3 shall be made in writing and signed by the parent(s), legal guardians, or by the student if over eighteen (18), known singly or jointly as "petitioner(s)" and stating, in detail, why the reassignment is in the best interests of the student.
- C. The Superintendent shall only consider those issues related to the student's unique educational needs, exclusive of factors common to other students including, but not limited to, suitability of buildings or facilities and availability of curriculum, course offerings, arts, sports or other specialized programs. Further, the Superintendent shall not consider circumstances that can be remedied with a modest increase in funding, or relatively minor modification to the curriculum or other portions of the educational program.
- D. The Superintendent shall not consider issues related to, or arising out of, the student's family circumstances, residential considerations, custodial arrangements, or deficient housing. However, this provision shall not be construed to prevent reassignment when transportation issues materially impair the student's educational progress.
- E. The Superintendent shall consider the written request and shall meet with the petitioners as necessary to gather such additional information required to make a decision.
- F. Falsification or omission of any information provided to the school district in support of the request for reassignment is grounds for immediate termination of the reassignment and/or rejection of the reassignment request.
- G. The petitioners requesting reassignment shall authorize the district to provide the receiving district with all educational records.
- H. Prior to approving any requests for reassignment, the Superintendent shall consider the cost of tuition and determine whether sufficient funding is available. If multiple requests are received and there are insufficient funds, the requests will be considered on a first come first served basis. The Superintendent shall not agree to any tuition agreement pursuant

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to RSA 193:3, III, which calls for tuition payments that are excessive, disproportionate or unwarranted in relation to the student's specific educational needs.

I. All reassignment requests are subject to the approval of the receiving school district. Any reassignment made shall be limited to no more than one school year. Reassignment for all or any part of the school year is not a guarantee of continued enrollment in the receiving district.

J. Reassignments made in any school year may not exceed one percent (1%) of average daily membership in residence of the school district or five percent (5%) of the average daily membership in residence of any single school, whichever is greater.

K. Reassignments beyond the percentages set forth herein may be approved only by the School Board.

II. **ADMISSION STANDARDS:**

The Superintendent shall consider requests for admission of non-resident students to the District in accordance with the following:

A. The reason for the referral must be related to the student's unique educational needs, exclusive of those needs which arise from factors common to other students in the District, including but not limited to, inadequate buildings or facilities, curriculum or course offerings, lack of arts, sports, or other specialized programs, or other factors common to other students in the District. Such educational needs also exclude those that could be readily provided by the District with a modest increase in funding or relatively minor modifications of either the curriculum offered or other portions of the educational program.

B. The Superintendent shall not consider issues related to, or arising out of, the student's family circumstances, residential considerations, custodial arrangements, or deficient housing. However, this provision shall not be construed to prevent reassignment when transportation issues materially impair the student's educational progress.

C. Prior to acceptance of a non-resident student, the Superintendent, in consultation with the building Principal, must determine that the non-resident student may be accommodated without prejudicing or compromising the educational program of resident students and without jeopardizing the health or safety of resident students, the transferring student, or staff. In order to make this assessment, the Superintendent shall review all educational records maintained by the sending District. Appropriate authorizations from the petitioner(s) shall be provided for this purpose.

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D. When calculating tuition pursuant to RSA 193:3, the Superintendent shall include in the negotiated tuition figure all costs of the student's educational program including, but not limited to, special education costs, costs of all related services, costs of due process proceedings, and costs of any §504 program or any other costs required by School District Policy, State or Federal law. The tuition shall increase or decrease as the required program or services change during the school year.

E. For the purpose of considering a waiver of all or part of such student tuition pursuant to RSA 193:3, IH (e), the term "good cause" shall apply to only those cases where the sending District and JSRHS have negotiated either reciprocal tuition agreements or some other arrangement which provides mutual or offsetting benefits.

F. Any acceptance of a student pursuant to this policy shall be limited to no more than one school year. Acceptance of a student for all or part of a year shall not be construed as a guarantee of continued enrollment in the District beyond the year of acceptance.

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