

ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

To a major extent, the residents of the Towns of Wells and Ogunquit bear financial responsibility for the public school system, which is charged with providing education for school-age children residing within the towns. To ensure that school funds are spent for the benefit of residents, the School Committee will limit free admission to children whose parents or legal guardians reside in Wells or Ogunquit, except as follows:

- A. Admission of non-resident students is required under the law;
- B. The WOCSD has entered into an agreement with an adjoining administrative unit, and tuition fees are paid by the other unit as permitted by law;
- C. The WOCSD has entered into an agreement with an adjoining administrative unit where the Superintendents of both units recognize a student placement to be in the best interest of the student;
- D. The student qualifies as a “temporary resident” under the terms of the law.

Special permission may be granted by the Superintendent. Such permission shall be granted, for example, in order to:

- A. Provide continuity of program for a student whose family provides clear evidence of intent to move into the community shortly after a school year begins or moves from the community near the end of a school year. Tuition may be charged.
- B. Tuition: Tuition rates shall be set on the basis of state law. Tuition will be payable in two installments. The first installment is due before the student will be admitted to school, the second installment is due before the student begins the second semester/trimester. Families who move in before the completion of the second month of school will have their money returned. After the first two months, tuition will be prorated. If a student attends school in WOCSD for any part of a quarter, tuition will not be refunded for that quarter.

Tuition rates will not exceed the state approved limit and transportation will be provided by parents or legal guardians.

- C. Potential Residents: The purchase of land in the Towns of Wells or Ogunquit does not entitle the owner to automatically send his or her children to the WOCSD. A copy of the building permit and an expected move-in date must be sent to the Superintendent along with the request for the waiver of non-resident status.

Requests will only be considered provided that:

- This enrollment does not reduce the opportunities available to other students;
- The WOCSD is able to provide appropriate programming for the student;
- The occupancy date falls within the current school year.

- D. All requirements regarding age, health examinations, and immunizations which apply to resident students shall also apply to non-residents students who enroll in the Wells-Ogunquit CSD.

Transportation must be provided by parents or legal guardians. WOCSD is not responsible for the transportation of non-resident students.

Legal Reference: Title 20-A, MRSA §§ 2701, 5202, 5801

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