

NON-RESIDENT TUITION

The Board of Education affirms that its primary responsibility is to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children who are legal residents of the District and who are of legal ages. However, a non-resident student may be admitted to District schools upon payment to the District of the Board-adopted tuition charge.

- A. The acceptance of non-resident students to the South Colonie Central School District on a tuition basis is allowed to the extent that non-resident tuition enrollment does not adversely affect the educational program nor place an undue burden on facilities or staffing.
1. Children of District employees, who are not residents of the District, may attend District schools without payment of tuition; provided the District is not absorbing additional expenses (extra staffing, services required, etc.) and the student remains a “good school citizen” following all Code of Conduct expectations.
 2. Children who establish legal residence within the school district, but whose parents do not reside in the school district, will be allowed to attend school without tuition payment. Proof of residency must be shown by at least:
 - a. relinquishment by parents of authority and control over the child and, where the child is not emancipated, the assumption of authority and control by the person with whom the child resides;
 - b. assumption of responsibility for support and maintenance of the child by the person with whom the child resides;
 - c. irrevocability of the transfer of authority, supervision, control, and responsibility for support; and
 - d. relative permanency of the establishment of the new residence.

The burden of proof of residence is that of the applicant for enrollment and written documentation must be provided to support the application.

3. Pupils who have been placed in foster homes, "family homes at board", or "free family homes" in the District by a State department or agency, and pupils living in group homes for children operated in the District by child-caring institutions or agencies will be registered as tuition-paying pupils. Tuition bills for such pupils will be submitted to the appropriate school district, Social Services district, State department or agency, or child-caring institution or agency as provided in §3202 of the Education Law.
4. The non-resident student will need to follow the application process each new school year. Acceptance or non-acceptance is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.
5. The parent/guardian will provide the home address and district/school of attendance where the parent/guardian resides.

6. Pupils who move outside the District after February 1st of the school year will be allowed to complete that year on a tuition-free basis. The parent/guardian will be responsible for the pupil's transportation. Additionally, the pupil must be in good standing as a school citizen. This decision is at the full discretion of the District.
 7. Pupils who move outside the District during their Junior year (11th grade) will be allowed to complete their Senior year (12th grade) provided they pay tuition for the Senior year. The parent/guardian will be responsible for the pupil's transportation. Additionally, the pupil must be in good standing as a school citizen. This decision is at the full discretion of the District.
 8. Pupils who move outside the District during their Senior year (12th grade) will be allowed to complete their Senior year on a tuition-free basis. The parent/guardian will be responsible for the pupil's transportation. Additionally, the pupil must be in good standing as a school citizen. This decision is at the full discretion of the District.
- B. Tuition for non-resident students shall be set annually by the Board of Education and shall be consistent with State Education Law. For school attendance by a non-resident student for a period longer than ninety (90) calendar days, tuition is payable in advance for each succeeding thirty (30) calendar days, or on a pro-rated basis.
- C. The tuition charged by the Board of Education for non-resident pupils shall be paid to this school district in advance in two non-refundable installments. Each installment shall be approximately 50% of the total charge. The first installment of each year is an estimation which shall be adjusted under the formula issued annually by the New York State Education Department and adopted by the Board of Education. Installments shall be due and payable as follows:
1. The first installment shall be due and payable on or before September 1.
 2. The second installment shall be due and payable on or before January 29.
- D. The Superintendent will establish and administer regulations to implement this policy.
- E. If accepted, paperwork is complete, and payment has been received, the student shall be admitted. If school is in session, the student will attend the school district where the parent/guardian resides or private school of choice until accepted.
- F. For mid-semester entries, the tuition shall be pro-rated.

Summer School Tuition

Payment of tuition by non-resident students must be paid in full at the time of registration. The amount of tuition for each course offered is established by the South Colonie Board of Education.

Non-resident students who choose to withdraw from summer school will be refunded a proportion of their tuition according as follows:

<u>Voluntary Withdrawal Date</u>	<u>Amount of Refund</u>
End of the 1 st day	75% of tuition
After the 1 st day	No refund of tuition

Reference: Education Law § 3202(3)
8 NYCRR § 174.2

Cross-Reference: 5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students

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