

# **THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **RYE, NY**

### **6254 - NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**

The Board of Education may decide to provide educational services for a fee (tuition) to students in good standing<sup>1</sup> from outside the geographic boundaries of the Rye City School District on a space-available basis. When making such determinations, the Board shall give consideration to present and future enrollment projections (on a school-by-school, grade-by-grade and class-by-class basis), District class size guidelines, staffing requirements, provision of appropriate physical facilities for educational purposes and the economic and school climate effects (both positive and negative) of admitting out-of-District applicants to the Rye City School District as non-resident, tuition-paying students.

It is the District's intent that all non-resident, tuition-paying students in good standing be treated consistently in accordance with District policies and individual school rules in the same manner as resident children with respect to educational services and opportunities including co-curricular, extra-curricular and inter-scholastic activities.

The Board shall establish its tuition rates annually by June 1. The tuition rates established year-to-year will reflect, at a minimum, either all tax rate increases plus special assessments to be incurred by District residents; or the District's estimated budget-to-budget increase for each year of attendance by non-resident, tuition-paying students, whichever is higher. Tuition must be paid in full according to the respective schedule S contained in either Procedure #6254 P2 or #6254 P3, and is non-refundable.

Previously enrolled non-resident, tuition-paying students must annually (by June 15) apply for re-enrollment with the District and must submit a non-refundable deposit with their application to re-enroll. Previously enrolled non-resident, tuition-paying students will generally be allowed to re-enroll in the Rye City School District until withdrawal or high school graduation, whichever comes first and as long as the student remains in good standing<sup>1</sup>. However, in all cases, the district reserves the right to discontinue the enrollment or to deny re-enrollment to any student if his/her continued attendance is not deemed in the best interest of the district and/or the student. If a student's enrollment is discontinued on this basis, tuition will not be refunded.

New applicants for admission will be considered upon submission of a pre-registration application form accompanied by payment of a non-refundable application fee. In the event that there are fewer spaces than applications, applications will be considered in the order in which they were received.

If a parent(s) wishes to submit an application for a sibling of a currently enrolled, non-resident, tuition-paying student, the application must be filed by May 15 in order to receive preference, if space is available. If received after May 15, such application will be considered on first-come, first-served basis, along with all other new applicants.

At the time of initial application, parents may request an elementary school preference for their child. However, responsibility for school and grade placement of new non-resident, tuition-

paying students rests exclusively with the District which will consult with the student's parent(s)/guardian and former school (if necessary) concerning such placement.

On or about June 15 of each year, the Board shall determine whether space is available for new, non-resident, tuition-paying students and the administration shall promptly advise the pool of applicants of such determination and their individual acceptance or non-acceptance as the case may be.

Historically, the District has sought to minimize movement of its students among its elementary schools. Because of the complexity of placing non-resident, tuition-paying students into the elementary schools, it may be necessary to move a non-resident, tuition-paying student among the District's elementary schools. The District will endeavor to minimize such transfers. Best efforts will be made not to involuntarily move a student more than once during his/her elementary school career and to avoid separating siblings whenever possible.

#### Enrolled Students Found to Be Non-Residents and Students Becoming Non-residents During a Semester

The District strictly enforces its residency requirements for all students. Only tuition paying, non-resident students are permitted to attend the Rye Public Schools. When an enrolled student is found to be a non-resident student the process outlined in procedure #6254 p.4 shall apply.

The Superintendent shall develop appropriate application forms, contracts and other pertinent documents under advice of counsel, consistent with this policy and its related regulations and procedures.

- 1 *For purposes of this policy, the term, "student in good standing" shall mean a student who is passing all subjects and has not, within the preceding 12 months, received any disciplinary referral(s) for violating any provision of the Rye City School District Code of Conduct for which a suspension from school is authorized and/or engaged in conduct that would violate any provision of the Rye City School District Code Of Conduct for which a suspension from school is authorized regardless of whether a referral was initiated by the Rye City School District or the school district that the student was then attending when his/her application was made.*

*Reference: Policy 5110  
Procedure #6254P.1 Non-Resident Students  
Procedure #6254P.2 Tuition Payment by Student  
Family Appendix to Procedure #6254 P.2  
Procedure #6254P.3 Non-Resident Students Tuition Payment by Home  
District Appendix to Procedure #6254P.3*

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