

StudentsChange in Resident Status

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A situation may arise where a student is in the last quarter of a given school year or is a senior at the high school and a request is made for that student to finish the year in Weston even though the student has moved to another community. The Superintendent or his/her designee may approve any such request provided the parent agrees to provide transportation to and from school and the student's continuation in the school is recommended by the school administration

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Weston, Connecticut

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General Considerations

1. A permanent resident shall be defined as one who resides in Weston and who has an intention to remain within the district. Therefore, a student who would be residing in Weston for a short period of time would not be considered a permanent resident.
2. Children residing with relatives or non-relatives when it is the intention of all concerned that such residence is to be permanent and provided without pay and not for the purpose of obtaining school accommodations shall be considered resident students.
3. If the student in question is an emancipated minor, he/she may be requested to complete all forms and provide all necessary information.
4. Students whose families move out of Weston between the close of their junior year and the beginning of their senior year may complete their senior year tuition free. The Superintendent or his/her designee may approve the request to complete the senior year in Weston contingent upon the parents agreeing to provide transportation to and from school and the student's continuation in the school is recommended by the school administration.
5. A situation may arise where a student is in the last quarter of a given school year, or is a senior at the high school and a request is made for that student to finish the year in Weston even though the student has moved to another community. The Superintendent or his/her designee may approve the request provided the parent agrees to provide transportation to and from school and the student's continuation in the school is recommended by the school administration.
6. Students from other countries who reside in Weston may attend school tuition free consistent with applicable federal law.

7. If any procedure or form described in these administrative regulations conflicts with the procedures described in Weston Public Schools Regulations regarding Homeless Children and Youth, the provisions of the Homeless Regulations shall control.

If a concern arises with respect to eligibility of a student to receive educational programming in Weston due to issues concerning residency, the following steps should be taken by the school administration:

1. The residence of the child's immediate family should be ascertained: that is, the residence of his/her legal guardian. If it is determined that the student is not residing with a parent or guardian or is not emancipated, then the following process is to be implemented:
  - a. The parent, guardian, the child if emancipated, or the person with whom the child is residing should be asked if the request is being made for the sole purpose of obtaining an education in Weston. If the answer is affirmative, the request is to be immediately denied and the individual will be advised of his/her right to a Board level hearing regarding eligibility for school accommodations.
  - b. The parent, guardian, the child if emancipated, or the person with whom the child is residing, should be asked if the student's residency is going to be permanent or temporary. If the answer is temporary, the request is to be immediately denied and the individual will be advised of his/her right to a Board level hearing regarding eligibility for school accommodations.
  - c. The parent, guardian, the child if emancipated, or the person with whom the child is residing, should be asked if the parent or legal guardian is providing payment for the support of the child to the family where the student will be residing. If the answer is yes, the request should be immediately denied and the individual will be advised of his/her right to a Board level hearing regarding eligibility for school accommodations.
  - d. If a response is provided which indicates other factors are the cause of the request for free school accommodations, the RESIDENCY STATEMENT is to be given to the individual (parent, guardian, child if emancipated, or the person with whom the child is residing) making the request. The student in question will be enrolled when the statement is completed and submitted to the building administrator. All other records such as medical and educational should

normally be in place prior to enrollment. NOTE: If any outside agency makes a placement of a special education student in Weston, and the legal guardian(s) live in another community, that community will hold the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) Meeting and determine the appropriate program for the student. Our system will cooperate with the responsible school district.

2. If any child is denied accommodations by the school district on the basis of residency, he/she may request a hearing by the Board of Education. The parents would have the burden of proving eligibility to free school accommodations by a preponderance of the evidence. At the time the parent, guardian or child, if emancipated, is informed of the school district's intention to deny accommodations, such individual shall also be informed of his/her right to a hearing before the Board of Education. The decision of the Board of Education may be appealed to the State Board of Education in accordance with applicable statutes. If at any time the child is denied accommodations, on the basis of residency and the child is already enrolled in the school district, the child may continue in attendance, upon request, pending the hearing decision.

Legal Reference:                    Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-186  
    Conn. Gen Stat. 10-253

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