

Students

Admission/Placement

The schools shall be open to all Weston children who reach, or are older than, five years of age on or before January 1. Children who apply for initial admission to the district's schools by transfer from non-public schools or from schools outside the district will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the school principal. After such observations and evaluation have been completed, the principal will determine the final grade placement of the children.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-261 Definitions
Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-15 Towns to Maintain Schools
Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-15c School Attendance by Five Year Olds
State Board of Education Regulations
Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-76d-7 Admission of Student Requiring Special Education (Referral)
Conn Gen. Stat. 184, Duties of Parents, School Attendance Age Requirements
Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-220, Duties of Boards of Education

Policy References: 5111.12, Change of Resident Status

Administrative Regulations 5111.12, Change of Resident Status
5112, Ages of Attendance
5118, Non-Resident Attendance and Tuition Fees

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A. Future Residents – Purchase of Residence

A family that is in the process of purchasing property in Weston for a residence may be allowed by the Superintendent to enroll a student in the Weston schools, at no cost, on the following conditions:

1. The family furnishes a copy of a fully executed construction contract or sales contract of the prospective residence in Weston indicating a closing date no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of enrollment of the student.
2. If the student does not become a legal resident within sixty (60) days of the date the student is enrolled, then the parents/guardians of the enrolled student will be required to pay per diem regular tuition from the date of expiration of the sixty (60) day period to the date on which legal residence is established. In addition, the parents/guardians of the enrolled student will reimburse the Weston Public Schools for the full cost of any special education and/or any other special services and costs beyond the regular education program from the date of expiration of the sixty day period to the date legal residence is established.
3. At the time of registration, parents/guardians of the enrolling student will be required to sign an agreement accepting the obligation to pay all calculated tuition and the cost of any special education and/or any other special services and costs beyond the regular education program as described in section A(2) in the event that the sixty (60) day period described above lapses without legal residency having been established.
4. Transportation is the responsibility of the family until legal residence is established.
5. If the student is permitted to enroll, and does not become a legal resident of Weston within the sixty (60) day period described above, the Superintendent may commence proceedings to deny further school accommodations to the student until such time as the student establishes legal residency in Weston.

B. Future Residents – Lease of Residence

A student whose parents or guardians have leased property in Weston for a residence, but who have not yet moved into Weston, may be allowed by the Superintendent and the Board of Education to enter Weston schools on the following conditions:

1. If the parents or guardians established a bona fide Weston residence before October 15 the pupil may be enrolled tuition free.

2. If the residence is not established until after October 15, the parents or guardians shall pay prorated tuition from the first day of school, until the date bona fide residence is established.

C. Unforeseen Circumstances and Renovations

In the event that a family has become “homeless” as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act, the affected student will be permitted to remain enrolled in Weston schools as required by federal and state law. A family that has been displaced from the Weston residence that they own due to a natural disaster, fire or other catastrophic circumstance, or due to planned home renovations, but is not “homeless” as described above, will be allowed by the Superintendent to enroll a student in the Weston schools, at no cost, on the following conditions:

1. Within sixty (60) days of being displaced due to a natural disaster, fire or other catastrophic circumstance, the family furnishes a copy of a fully executed, valid construction/renovation contract indicating an estimated date of completion no later than twelve (12) months from the date of having been displaced. In extraordinary circumstances, the Superintendent may permit a longer period for the estimated date of completion in his/her sole discretion.
2. Within thirty (30) days prior to being displaced due to planned renovations, the family furnishes a copy of a fully executed construction/renovation contract indicating an estimated date of completion no later than twelve (12) months from the date the renovations are scheduled to begin.
3. If the student does not become a legal resident within twelve (12) months from the date of displacement, or such longer period as may be permitted by the Superintendent as stated in paragraph 1 above, then the parents/guardians of the enrolled student will be required to pay per diem regular tuition from the date of expiration of the twelve (12) month period to the date legal residence is ultimately established. In addition, the parents/guardians of the enrolled student will reimburse the Weston Public Schools for the full cost of any special education and/or any other special services and costs beyond the regular education program from the date of expiration of the twelve (12) month period to the date legal residence is re-established. If a student is permitted to remain enrolled pursuant to the terms of this paragraph, the student’s parents/guardians will be required to sign an agreement accepting the obligation to pay the costs described in this paragraph.
4. Transportation is the responsibility of the family until legal residence is re-established.
5. If the student is permitted to enroll, and does not become a legal resident of Weston within the twelve (12) month period described above, or such longer period as may be permitted by the Superintendent as stated in paragraph 1 above, the Superintendent

may commence proceedings to deny further school accommodations to the student until such time as the student re-establishes legal residency in Weston.

Kindergarten

Children reaching the age of five on or before January 1st of any year will be eligible for kindergarten in the preceding September. Children reaching the age of five after January 1st will enter kindergarten the following September.

First Grade

Children reaching the age of six on or before January 1st of any year will be eligible for the first grade in the preceding September. Children reaching the age of six after January 1st will enter first grade the following September.

1. Exception

- A. Children who apply for admission to first grade on the basis of prior satisfactory completion of kindergarten outside of the Weston Public School System will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the school principal.
- B. Final grade placement will be determined exclusively by the observations of the classroom teacher, evaluations by the counselor, and the recommendation of the school principal to insure that only those children who are emotionally, socially, physically mature and mentally capable are allowed to enter the first grade program.

Other Grades

Children who apply for admission to grades two through twelve on the basis of prior schooling outside of Weston Public Schools shall be placed at the discretion of the school principal. Each child will be placed initially in the grade level he/she has reached elsewhere, unless it is the judgment of the school principal, after evaluation, that such child should be placed in another grade. The school principal may determine subsequently whether there should be any change in the grade placement of the child.

Legal References:

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Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-15c School Attendance by Five-Year Olds
State Board of Education Regulations
Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-76d-7 Admission of Student Requiring Special Education (Referral)

Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-220, Duties of Boards of Education

Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-253(f)

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. Section 11431, et. Seq.

Policy References:

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