

Nonresident learners in grades K-12 may only attend school at the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District when their attendance has been approved by the school board or the superintendent. Unless the nonresident learner meets one of the criteria under the “Tuition Free” or “Nonresident Learners of District Employees” sections, tuition for nonresident learners will be charged at a rate set by the board.

Upon the admission of a nonresident learner to the district, the superintendent or designee will immediately notify the learner's school district of residence of the learner's name, date of birth, address, and grade assignment of the learner. This notification shall also be made at the beginning of each school year for which the learner is enrolled.

Under normal circumstances, the district will not provide transportation to and from school for nonresident and tuition learners at district expense. However, the district may assist parents in finding and procuring transportation services for their children.

The board's decision on whether to enroll a nonresident learner will not be based on whether that learner is a learner with a disability, as defined by applicable state or federal law. The board acknowledges the provisions of RSA 193:3 which state that the district in which the learner resides shall retain all responsibility for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA 186-C.

To safeguard the intent of this policy, all parents/guardians must provide proof of residency upon request. If the parent/guardian cannot or will not produce such documentation, the learner will be considered nonresident.

Nonresident Learners Placed by Parent/Guardian

Parents/Guardians requesting learner placement should contact the Superintendent's Office. Learners attending from out of district by parent/guardian request will be accepted upon approval of the Board with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to space availability. All learners are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Maintenance of academic progress
- Compliance with behavior expectations
- Consistent and punctual attendance

Tuition will be charged at the rate set by the Board. Tuition payment is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardians. NH residents are encouraged to seek state aid to subsidize costs at nh.scholarshipfund.org.

Nonresident Learner Placed by Outside District

Learners attending from out of district by the sending district request will be placed dependent upon availability and approval of the Board with the recommendation of the Superintendent. Tuition will be charged at the rate of the JRCSD prior year's cost per pupil.

When a sending district is responsible for tuition, approval must be received from the sending district's school board.

Tuition-Free

Under these conditions, there will be no tuition cost to a nonresident learner's family/guardians:

- Learners from other countries who are guests of district residents under a recognized exchange program may attend tuition-free.
- In a divorce situation where the learner lives primarily out-of-district, but the divorce decree, or parenting plan developed pursuant to RSA 461-A, a child's legal residence for school attendance purposes may be the school district in which either parent resides, provided the parents agree in writing to the district the child will attend and each parent furnishes a copy of the agreement to the school district in which each parent resides.
- Seniors whose families move during their senior year may continue to graduation, tuition free.
- With proof of intention (example: signed Purchase and Sales Agreement), learners who will become legal residents within sixty days, tuition free.
- Learners who move out of the district within 90 school days of the close of the school year may complete the school year, tuition free.
- Per policy JFABD, learners who are in a transient or homeless situation as defined in the ESSA (2015) shall be enrolled immediately, tuition free. In some circumstances transportation may be provided.

Nonresident Learners of District Employees

The board recognizes the value of all employees and is willing to consider these requests on an annual basis as to space availability. The superintendent may approve up to 5 learners district-wide per year; further requests require school board approval.

Learners whose parents or guardians are employees of the district may attend a district school tuition free, subject to space availability. NH residents are required, if eligible, to seek state aid to subsidize costs at nh.scholarshipfund.org.

All learners are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Maintenance of academic progress
- Compliance with behavior expectations
- Consistent and punctual attendance

Employees must submit a written request to continue their child's enrollment annually.

Legal References:

RSA 186-C:13

RSA 193:3

RSA 193:12

RSA 461-A