

Nonresident students 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. The superintendent may approve up to 5 students district-wide per year; further requests require school board approval.

Unless the nonresident student meets one of the criteria under the “Tuition Free” or “Nonresident Students of District Employees” sections, tuition will be charged at a rate set by the board and will be billed quarterly. If the board agrees to enroll a non-resident student, the district will either charge tuition to the parent or, alternatively, the superintendent may seek to enter into an agreement for the payment of tuition with the school district in which the student resides. When a sending district is responsible for tuition, approval must be received from the sending district’s school board.

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

Under normal circumstances, the district will not provide transportation to and from school for nonresident and tuition students 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 student will not be based on whether that student is a student 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 student resides shall retain all responsibility for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA 186-C.

Pupils who are not residents of the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District may be assigned to attend district schools by the superintendent provided there is space available.

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 student will be considered nonresident.

Tuition-Free

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

- Students from other countries who are guests of district residents under a recognized exchange program may attend tuition-free.
- In a divorce situation where the student 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), students who will become legal residents within sixty days, tuition free.
- Students 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, students who are in a transient or homeless situation as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 shall be enrolled immediately, tuition free. In some circumstances transportation may be provided.

Nonresident Students 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.

Students whose parents or guardians are employees of the district may attend a district school tuition free, subject to the following criteria:

- Space availability
- 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