RESIDENT STUDENTS

Salem public schools are free to children who meet the age requirements of the school district and reside within the boundaries of the Salem School District, provided they maintain acceptable behavior and health standards. The school district recognizes and is obligated to enforce state law on required immunizations for all pupils entering school.

To insure that no person shall attend school who is not a legal resident without the consent of the Superintendent, the Superintendent of Schools will require proof of residency. Student residence will be determined in accordance with the provisions of RSA 193:12 and New Hampshire law, as well as any tuition agreements in accordance with RSA 195-A (Authorized Regional Enrollment Area [AREA]).

Under no circumstances can a child live in the District and have the right to attend school without paying tuition unless the student is either (a) a resident of the District in accordance with RSA 193:12 and New Hampshire law; or (b) is permitted to attend school in accordance with the specific policy of the Salem School District.

The following students in the Salem School District must show proof of residency prior to being registered to attend school in Salem:

1. All first grade children
2. All new registrations to the school district - this includes students who have moved into the town of Salem from other communities as well as students who wish to transfer within the district.
3. Emancipated students

Parents must provide two of the following as proof of residence:

1. Rent Receipt
2. Utility bill or deposit receipt indicating address
3. Lease agreement
4. Welfare Card
5. Car Registration
6. Purchase & Sales Agreement
7. Voter Registration
8. Social Services Paper - Social Security, AFDC, Homeless Shelter Verification

Children who register for school after the beginning of the school year will be allowed to register, but not begin school until proof of residency is made available to the administration.

It is understood that the central office administration is authorized to assign students to schools other than those considered to be the neighborhood school. Parent/Guardian requests for a
specific assignment may be granted based on circumstances, including but not limited to, special education, hardship cases (child care arrangements are not considered hardship cases), cases related to dysfunctional homes, or other extenuating circumstances as determined by the administration. All requests for such specific assignments will be weighed against general considerations such as travel, space available, class size, and overall school enrollment in accordance with school board guidelines.

The Salem School District will initiate appropriate regulations to comply with the New Hampshire State Board of Education Program of Home Study. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to prepare regulations for implementation of a Home Study program which is in compliance with the state requirements.