

## **ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS**

### **I. POLICY STATEMENT:**

Any legal pupil who is a resident as defined in 16 V.S.A. §1075 shall be eligible to attend school in this District.

### **II. RESIDENCE CRITERIA:**

For purposes of determining residency, the Board will apply the definitions contained in 16 V.S.A. §1075(a).

Criteria for proving permanent residency shall include voter registration, automobile registration, property ownership of primary residence, and other indications of intent to reside permanently within the District.

As stipulated in V.S.A. T.16 §1075 (a) (3), the St. Johnsbury School District notes that "A person may have only one residence at a time." The burden of proving sole legal residency in St. Johnsbury or any other basis for entitlement to school enrollment or tuition assistance shall be on the student and/or his or her parent or guardian. School enrollment and high school tuition voucher forms will inform parents and guardians of this statute and the penalties for false claim within the jurisdiction of a supervisory union school district as described in V.S.A. T.13 §3016 (a-c) and will require informed consent signature assurance by the parent or guardian. The Board reserves the right to verify any information given as support of residency by checking with appropriate authorities, landlords, or agencies and may employ the services of a residency investigator to do so.

The residency of pupils under the care and custody of a state agency or child placement agency, children of homeless parents, and independent children shall be determined in accord with the requirements of 16 V.S.A. §1075 (c-h).

### **III. CHANGE OF RESIDENCE:**

Parents or guardians of students who are residents of the District and enrolled in school for 140 days in a school year, and who move from the District before the school year ends, may apply to the Superintendent for permission to finish the school year on a pro-rated tuition basis or with a tuition waiver. The Superintendent shall consider the student's age, attendance record during the year, progress in school, and other relevant factors when considering requests to remain enrolled in school for the remainder of the school year, and shall make recommendations to the Board accordingly.

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#### **IV. DECISIONS AND APPEALS:**

Decisions regarding student residency or continued enrollment except for state-placed students will be made by the Board. An interested person or taxpayer may appeal a residency decision of the Board to the Commissioner of Education as provided in 16 V.S.A. §1075(b).

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