

NONRESIDENT TUITION CHARGES

Eligibility for enrollment in the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District (ABRSD) is governed by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 76. Except as provided for in collective bargaining agreements, the School Choice Law, the McKinney- Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Admission of Exchange Students Policy JFABB, or as set forth in this policy, the district will only admit students who reside in the towns of Acton or Boxborough. Residency is defined in Policy JF *Residency and Student Enrollment*.

The Superintendent may enter into a contract with a neighboring community for an Acton or Boxborough student to attend school in that community or for a student from another community to attend school in ABRSD providing the student qualifies for special education services pursuant to Mass Gen Laws chapter 71B (Chapter 766) and/or related federal laws. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Committee shall set the tuition rate for special education programs that may accept non-resident students each year in the spring whenever the rate changes. The tuition rate for special education programs shall be based on the actual costs of the specific special education program.

If any other students from outside Acton or Boxborough wish to enroll on a tuition basis, the School Committee must approve such application. The School Committee, at its sole discretion, will approve such application only if space and resources are available. In the event the School Committee chooses to accept tuitioned students, the Committee shall set the rate for tuition upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. The tuition set pursuant to this policy shall be the average expense per pupil (including in such average both regular education costs and special education costs) for the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District.

Legal References:

MGL c. 76, s 6

MGL c. 76, s 12

MGL c. 76, s 12A

MGL c. 76, s 12B

MGL c. 71, s 6A

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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