

**MOUNT DESERT ISLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS**

Mount Desert Island Community School District adopts this policy for accepting tuition students at Mount Desert Island Regional High School. This policy applies to non-resident students who may be tuitioned by other school departments that do not maintain a contract for services at Mount Desert Island Regional High School, and to non-resident staff members at Mount Desert Island Regional High School who wish to tuition their children to the school.

1. Mount Desert Island Regional High School shall accept non-resident tuition students by application only. Application shall be made either to the Principal or to the Guidance Department. Admission may be denied to any non-resident student who is currently subject to an expulsion or suspension or is the subject of an expulsion or suspension proceeding. Admission decisions are made by the Mount Desert Island Regional High School Principal or his/her designee. Appeal of a denial may be made to the Superintendent of Schools, whose decision shall be final.
2. Admission of non-resident tuition students shall be based on the availability of space within an existing program or class that the student would be attending. The availability of space in a particular program or class shall be determined by the Principal or his/her designee in consultation with the program or class teachers, and may include consideration of the overall number of students in that program or class, any applicable state or local mandates for program or class size, the particular demands on teacher time presented by students currently scheduled for that program or class, and a reasonable estimate of the number of new students from school units currently being served by Mount Desert Island Regional High School who may join that program or class during the school year in question. Mount Desert Island Regional High School shall not create new programs or classrooms to serve non-resident tuition students.
3. All requirements for entry into Mount Desert Island Regional High School programs that apply to resident students (such as age, health examinations and immunization requirements) also apply to tuition students.
4. Tuition students are expected to meet the same academic, extracurricular and behavioral standards and are subject to the same disciplinary procedures as resident students.
5. The Superintendent may revoke the admission of a non-resident tuition student if the Superintendent determines that the student cannot obtain an appropriate education in an existing program or class at the school. In the case of students with disabilities, the Superintendent's decision shall be made in consultation with the student's Pupil Evaluation Team (PET) and all applicable laws.

6. A. For students tuitioned from other school units, Mount Desert Island Regional High School will charge an annual tuition at the maximum rate permitted by state law (20-A M.R.S.A. § 5805), including amounts for special education in accordance with state special education regulations. Tuition amounts for the upcoming semester shall be paid in full by the first day of each school semester, unless guaranteed by a sending school unit. Should a sending school unit fail to pay tuition as due, the Superintendent shall notify the Commissioner of the Department of Education for payment, as set forth in 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5810(2). Failure to pay tuition as due shall be grounds for revoking the admission of the non-resident tuition student.

- B. For students of non-resident staff members at Mount Desert Island Regional High School, annual tuition of \$750.00 per student shall be charged to the parent, regardless of the number of children the staff member enrolls in the school. Tuition shall be paid as per written agreement between the school and the staff member, but in no case shall the full amount be paid later than December 1st of the current school year. Staff members who leave employment with the Mount Desert Island Regional High School must withdraw their child(ren) from the school unless their resident school unit agrees to pay tuition as required in Paragraph 6.A above.

7. Mount Desert Island Community School District shall not furnish transportation for non-resident tuition students except where the student can access normal bus runs offered by the school.

References: 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5204, 5801, et seq., 6001-B(3).

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