

## **ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS**

### **I. Legal Residence Required**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall attend school in the school district or send a student to attend school in the school district if they are not a legal resident of the City of Somersworth, without the consent of the School Board, except as otherwise provided for in RSA 193:28, *Right to Attendance* for children placed by an authorized state agency, as stated in Policy JFABE, *Education of Children in Foster Care*.

A legal residence of a student, in the case of a minor, is the legal residence where the student's parents reside. If the parents live apart and are not divorced, legal residence is the residence of the parent with whom the child resides. If the parents are divorced, the parents are required to provide school district officials with a copy of the parenting plan to review the agreed upon determination of the child's legal residence as stated in Policy JFAB, *Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students*.

### **II. Documentation of Residency for New Students**

All new resident students, accompanied by a person who can make legal decisions for the child, should register at school before the first day of school or as soon as the family becomes legal residents of the City of Somersworth.

The parent/guardian must bring documentation of proof of residency when the student is registered for school. Acceptable documentation of proof of residency can be:

- A copy of a lease, mortgage or tax bill for the residence, AND
- A copy of a utility bill for the residence; OR
- A notarized letter from a legal resident stating that the parent/guardian and child are living with them. The legal resident is required to provide acceptable documentation of proof of residency; OR
- A notarized letter from the City of Somersworth that confirms that the parent/guardian and child are residents of the City.

### **III. New Student Registration Documentation**

When new students register for school, the parent/guardian must provide all of the following information:

1. Documentation to proof of residency as stated in Section II;
2. Proof that the child has had a physical examination within the last six months;
3. A copy of the child's birth certificate; and
4. A copy of the child's immunization record.

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### **Legal Reference:**

*RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent, Compulsory Attendance by Pupil*  
*RSA 193:12, II, Legal Residence Required*  
*RSA 110-D, Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children*  
*RSA 193:28, Right to Attendance*

### **Policy History**

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