

NON-RESIDENT TUITION POLICY

As the Board of Education has determined that the district can no longer provide for the "tuitioning" of students into the district in a fiscally prudent manner, effective July 1, 1997, it shall be the policy of the Mount Sinai Board of Education not to accept non-resident students in the Mount Sinai School District, except (a) non-resident students of future Mount Sinai residents who have contracted for the purchase or lease of a residence in Mount Sinai, and (b) former Mount Sinai students who attended Mount Sinai schools continuously in the past may continue to do so after their parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) relocate their domicile outside Mount Sinai.

The Board of Education recognizes that the changes in policy concerning non-resident students enacted July 1, 1997 may have a significant financial impact on those parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) whose non-resident students previously had been accepted into Mount Sinai Schools on a tuition basis. Therefore, though the Board of Education reserves the right to unilaterally change this policy upon notice to the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of non-resident students, the board will allow admission of non-resident students on a tuition basis under one of the above listed criteria at the tuition rate of \$4,000.00 per year per student to be increased by 5% per year through graduation or withdrawal from the district.

Where the non-resident student(s) has (have) been accepted in the Mount Sinai School District on a tuition basis and the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the non-resident student(s) owns real property in the Mount Sinai School District and pays Mount Sinai School District taxes on that real property, New York State law requires that the amount of Mount Sinai School District taxes paid must be deducted from the tuition charged for the non-resident student(s).

Payment of Mount Sinai School District taxes on real property in the Mount Sinai School District does not obligate the Board of Education to accept a non-resident student of said taxpaying parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s)).

The Office of Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education has stated that charging a disabled non-resident student a higher rate than that charged for a non-disabled non-resident student constitutes discrimination on the basis of a disability in violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Therefore, non-resident disabled students who are accepted must be charged the same tuition as accepted non-resident students who are not disabled.

One quarter of the total yearly tuition is to be paid on/or before August 31, November 30, February 28 and May 31.

If the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of a non-resident student wishes to withdraw their child or if the school district finds it necessary to exclude a student, the following quarterly reimbursement schedule will be in effect:

- withdrawal/exclusion during the first week of each quarter: 85% reimbursement
- withdrawal/exclusion during the second week of each quarter: 75% reimbursement
- withdrawal/exclusion during the third week of each quarter: 50% reimbursement
- withdrawal/exclusion thereafter: 0% reimbursement

The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of an admitted non-resident student is (are) advised that the tuition charge will entitle the non-resident student to all rights and privileges afforded to resident students with the exception of transportation. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the non-resident student.

Resident students who move out of the boundaries of the district after February 28/29 of any year will be allowed to finish the school year without a tuition charge being assessed provided that they adhere to all other policies of the district.

In addition to the foregoing requirements and criteria for admission of the non-resident student(s), the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of such student must complete an application for each non-resident student and return it to the district office prior to admission.

The non-resident student(s) and their parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) must abide by the policies and procedures of the district, and must also abide by the rules, regulations, and procedures of the school building that the non-resident student attends. These policies, rules, regulations and procedures may be found in the Mount Sinai School District Policy Manual that is in the school building that the non-resident student attends.

Admission of non-resident students is contingent on there being sufficient room within the academic program into which the student seeks to enroll. No student shall be admitted when such admission would cause the class or program to exceed the enrollment limits set out in the regulations of the Commissioner of Education or in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, or where the addition of a student would require the district to hire another instructional employee or support staff for the class or program in which the student seeks to enroll.