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The Little Silver Board of Education is authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A: 38-3 to admit pupils who are not residents in the Little Silver School District to the Little Silver School District upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Education may establish.

The Board promulgates that attendance at the Little Silver School District by private tuition students is a privilege, not a right. For the purpose of encouraging academic and social interaction and to increase classroom enrollment, the Board may agree to accept non-resident pupils in grades Kindergarten through Eight at the Little Silver School District.

- A. Any child whose parent(s)/guardian(s), hereinafter referred to as parents, reside outside the school district shall be considered non-resident. Non-resident pupils may be admitted on a tuition basis upon completion of the following:
1. Parents will send an email to Tuition@littlesilver.k12.nj.us to inquire about class size and current availability at the grade level(s) for which they are interested prior to completing an application. The Superintendent will determine availability based on current size of classes and respond to all parental inquiries.
 2. If there is availability in the desired grade level(s), parents will complete an application and submit a \$100 non-refundable application fee made payable to Little Silver Board of Education. The fee will NOT be applied to any tuition due or that becomes due.
 3. The Principal of each respective school will review all applications for admission and interview the applicants.
 4. The applicant is to be tested appropriately by school personnel. Staff members are directed to give all applicants fair and equitable consideration in accordance with Board policies.
 5. All prior school records shall be presented upon request including, but not limited to: health records, reports cards, state test scores, and all other standardized test scores.
 6. The applicant will submit letters of recommendation from teacher and administrator of the school last attended.

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7. A copy of the applicant's birth certificate will be provided
- B. Tuition for all enrolled pupils in grades kindergarten through eight shall be according to a schedule set forth by resolution of the Board that may be modified by resolution on an annual basis. Rates will be established each May of the preceding school year.
1. Fees are as follows:
 - Kindergarten \$3,500.
 - First through Eighth Grade \$7,000.
 2. If accepted, a completed Pupil Tuition Contract and a \$200.00 (two hundred dollar) acceptance fee must be remitted to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary within ten (10) days of written notification of acceptance and will be applied toward the first tuition payment.
 3. Tuition payments will be made monthly. Advanced payment plans may be requested.
 4. Should parents choose to remove a pupil mid-month, there will be no pro-rated reimbursement.
 5. All fees and payments are non-refundable. In the event of non-payment of any charge or fee when due, parents agree that pupil's enrollment may be canceled and the pupil shall be withdrawn from the Little Silver School District immediately upon notice from the Superintendent. In addition to removal, all outstanding balances will be forwarded to collections.
- C. The Board reserves the right to withdraw private tuition status from any pupil admitted under the policy for academic or disciplinary reasons or failure to pay tuition. If this occurs, the home district of the pupil will be notified.
- D. Pupils are admitted under this policy with the assumption that their educational needs can be addressed at any incremented cost to the district equal to or less than the amount of tuition they are asked to pay. Should it be determined at any time that this is not so, the Board reserves the right to withdraw non-resident tuition students or request supplemental fees for the program. There shall be no increase in teaching staff due to the acceptance of non-resident tuition pupils.
- E. The parents/guardians of tuition students will be responsible for transportation at their sole expense.

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- F. Pupils shall maintain appropriate academic and/or social standards and adhere to school disciplinary requirements. In the event a pupil fails to do so, the Board may terminate the enrollment of that pupil in the Little Silver School District.
- G. The Little Silver Board of Education will accept students into the regular education program only. Special Education needs and Section 504 accommodations, modifications and supports that incur any additional costs cannot be met at regular tuition rates. This includes any programs or services that require Child Study Team evaluation, classification, programming or instruction by a special education teacher. If, after enrollment, it is determined by the district that a special education referral or classification is necessary, the parent agrees to withdraw the student from the district. The district will release the pupil and notify the home district. Tuition shall be refunded on a pro-rated basis.
- H. In accordance with law and the Board's own policy, the decision to admit or to re-admit a non-resident tuition student shall not be based upon gender, race, religion, economic status or social status.
- I. Re-admission is not automatic. If there remains room in the grade into which the student would go in a successor year, the student may apply for re-admission. Students who have not maintained an 80 average (based upon all subjects with no failing grades) may not be re-admitted at the discretion of the Board of Education.
- J. The Superintendent shall report to the Board of Education from time to time regarding non-residential tuition program and the Board shall evaluate the same during the first quarter of each calendar year.
- K. Non-resident tuition students shall be afforded the same educational opportunities as resident pupils, and all laws, regulations, and requirements applicable to resident pupils shall apply to non-resident pupils.
- L. In the event acceptance of non-resident tuition pupils is rendered impossible by law, judgment or decision or otherwise, the Board's only liability shall be for the return of any unearned tuition payments.
- M. Non-resident tuition admission decisions will be made according to Board policy by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Board of Education. All acceptance decisions are final.

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