

**POLICY RELATING TO PUPIL SERVICES**

***FOREIGN STUDENTS***

The Wachusett Regional School Committee encourages and welcomes the participation of students from foreign countries in the academic and social programs of the school district.

The Superintendent shall approve such participation based upon the educational benefit to the District, the appropriateness of the program, the availability of space, and the financial impact on the budget.

Acceptance to the Wachusett Regional School District will be on a one (1) year basis with the sponsoring organization or guardian required to reapply annually for continued study.

Foreign students are exempt from paying tuition unless, in accordance with federal law, they are in the United States to pursue a course of study and are on an F-1 Visa. In order for a student to obtain an F-1 Visa, the school district must issue the student a Form I-20. The Form I-20 indicates “the student has reimbursed the local educational agency that administers the school for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing education at such school for the period of the student’s attendance”, and that the period of study may not exceed twelve months. In the event that a student paying tuition is not in attendance for the full year, reimbursement for the period of non-attendance shall be prorated on a quarterly basis.

Once admitted, the foreign student will be subject to all rules, policies, regulations and procedures as they relate to all students in the District.

All expenses for a foreign student who requires special services will be paid by the sponsoring organization or the guardian who sponsors the foreign student.

The District will provide an academic record of the foreign student’s participation while a member of the school district to the sponsoring organization or the parent/guardian, as required.

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