

ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

The Board of Education affirms that its primary responsibility is to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children who are legal District residents and who are of legal age to attend school, and as such does not generally permit non-resident students to attend District schools.

However, Federal and New York State law and regulations regarding special education encourage districts to seek special education placement in other districts if appropriate placement is not available in their home district. Such placement is considered less restrictive than placement in a BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) or private schools.

Occasionally, a request is received from the Committee on Special Education of another district for placement of a tuition student in the Great Neck Special Education Program. The Board of Education will consider such requests, on a case-by-case basis, under the following conditions:

1. All data, evaluations, etc. must be sent by the referring district to the Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Services.
2. The Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Services will determine whether an appropriate placement is possible.
3. The student and parents will be interviewed by the Assistant Superintendent Special Education and Pupil Services or his/her designee.
4. The Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Services will make a written recommendation to the Superintendent who will forward it to the Board of Education.
5. The referring district will be notified in writing of the outcome.
6. If the student is accepted, the referring district will be responsible for payment of all tuition charges and for providing transportation.

In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (42 USC § 11434a [2]) (McKinney-Vento) and New York State Education Law § 3209 (1), this policy is not applicable to homeless students who may not be currently residing in the District (see *Policy 5151 Homeless Children*).

Great Neck Public Schools

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