
PEACHAM SCHOOL BOARD
TUITION PAYMENT POLICY FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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The Peacham School District shall provide for the middle and high school education of its pupils by paying tuition, in accordance with law, to an approved public or independent high school, to be selected by the parents or guardians of the pupil, within or without the state.

The payment for pupils attending schools or independent schools meeting public school approval standards (16 VSA 824 (b)) shall be the tuition announced in February of the preceding school year in keeping with 16 VSA 826 (a). Tuition paid to independent schools shall not exceed the average announced tuition of the Vermont union high schools for the year of attendance unless a higher amount is approved by the electorate at an annual or special meeting warned for the purpose of setting a tuition amount. Tuition shall be paid in two equal installments at the start of the school year and at the start of the second semester directly to the school upon receipt of an invoice listing the students by name and their grade level.

No school tuition will be paid unless the parents or guardians of the pupil first obtain a tuition voucher signed by the Peacham School District treasurer or school board chair. Proof of guardianship and residence must be furnished before a tuition voucher will be issued. The tuition voucher must be presented to the public or independent school which the pupil will be attending before payment of tuition will be approved by the Peacham School Board. Parents must also notify the school district or supervisory union if their town of residency changes during the school year. Parents or the new town of residency shall be responsible for tuition payments on a prorated basis for the remainder of the school year after pupils are no longer residents of Peacham. Any tuition over paid by Peacham shall be refunded by the receiving school.

The Peacham School District will pay full tuition for a pupil's high school attendance to only one school for a given period of time unless the Board votes to do otherwise upon petition of the pupil, if 18 or older, or the pupil's parents or guardians. Because of this policy, parents are strongly urged to consult with their child's school to determine if tuition charges will be pro-rated prior to seeking a tuition voucher for enrollment in another high school.

The Peacham School District will pay tuition on a pro-rated basis for those home study students in grades 7-12 who wish to take a course or courses at another local middle or high school.

Nothing in this policy shall deter the Peacham School District from fulfilling its legal obligations to students with disabilities, students with rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or students with other rights afforded by state or federal law.

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