

## NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

Students who are eligible to attend a Nebraska public school but who are not legal residents of the school district may be admitted into the school district in accordance with the enrollment option program authorized by state statutes. Enrollment option students shall be accepted without charge.

Application for use of the enrollment option shall be made between September 1 and July 1 for enrollment during the following and subsequent school years. Written notification of approval or rejection of the application will be made before July 1. Upon agreement of the school boards of the resident school district and the option school district, deadlines for application and approval of the option may be waived.

The Wakefield Community School will participate in the option enrollment program both as a resident and an option district. The school district shall not accept any option student into any program, class, grade level or school building when such acceptance would cause overcrowding in that program, class, grade level or school building as determined by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee or would significantly increase the operating costs of the school district, such as by necessitating the hiring of new or additional staff, purchasing additional equipment, supplies, or instructional materials as determined by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

The school district shall accept handicapped option students only to the extent that the school district's current staff, class offerings, programs, and facilities are sufficient to accommodate the needs of such students without significantly increasing the operating costs of the school district such as by requiring the hiring of new or additional staff, purchasing additional equipment, supplies or instructional equipment as determined by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee or without causing overcrowding in the particular special education program as determined by the superintendent or superintendent's designee.

The Wakefield Community School shall not provide transportation to any resident student electing to option out of the district unless an acceptable agreement is approved by the Wakefield Board of Education. Wakefield Community School shall not provide transportation to any incoming option student unless an acceptable arrangement is approved by the Wakefield Board of Education.

If transportation is granted to option students by the Wakefield Board of Education:

1. The mileage bus fee will be at a family rate of \$35.00 per mile from an existing bus route to pickup point and back for one trip daily per semester with such rate to be paid in advance.
2. Consideration to allow an option student's transportation would be that the option student would meet the bus at a regular route pick-up or drop-off point.

Nonresident students may also be admitted under a contract with the student's resident district at the discretion of the superintendent upon application and payment of tuition as

stated in the contract. The tuition rate shall be the current per-pupil cost of the school district as computed by the superintendent.

Students whose residency in the district ceases during a school year may continue attending school for the remainder of the school year without payment of tuition.

Legal Reference:           Neb. Statute 79-215  
                                  NDE Rule 7

Cross Reference:         503    Student Attendance  
                                  801    Transportation

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