

Admission and Attendance of Non-Resident Students

No person shall attend school, or send a pupil to a Portsmouth School Department school if the pupil is not a legal resident of the City of Portsmouth, without the express consent of the Superintendent of Schools or the Portsmouth School Board. The definition of the term “legal resident” is intended to have the same meaning as the definition found in RSA 193:12.

Upon written request, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to grant permission for attendance by non-residents in the following circumstances:

1. Where the student is a senior who has completed the first semester and is eligible for graduation and who has been a legal resident through the end of the first semester and who becomes a non-resident through no action of their own.
2. Where it is less than two weeks to the end of the marking period, permission may be granted to complete that marking period.
3. Where the student becomes a non-resident through no action of their own after April first of the school year.
4. Where arrangements have been made for the student to attend on a tuition basis.

In order to grant or deny permission, the Superintendent may consider the discipline and academic record of the student.

Legal custody or guardianship means that a court of competent jurisdiction has determined custody or guardianship. Parental transfers of custody without court action are not considered effective to establish residency for the purposes of school attendance.

Students will not be permitted to attend under those circumstances where custodial arrangements are made for the sole purpose of school attendance.