

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

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Policy 5150

ADMISSION OF RESIDENT NON-RESIDENT AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Darien Public Schools provide a free public school education to all resident students in accordance with state law. The Assistant Superintendent(s) of School(s) have the final authority (on behalf of the Superintendent) to resolve all matters of residency pursuant to Board of Education Policy. The following exceptions may apply to the attendance of non-resident students within the Darien Public Schools:

- A. Former Residents: In cases where a parent or legal guardian of a student in Grade 12 has changed residences from Darien to another town, the Superintendent may, at her/his discretion, authorize the student to complete her/his secondary education in the Darien Schools.

- B. Foreign and/or exchange students:
 - 1. Foreign and/or non-resident students studying under the auspices of approved international or philanthropic agencies in Darien may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, be admitted if they are temporarily domiciled within the Town of Darien during the full period of their admission and comply fully with all state and federal statutory requirements.

 - 2. Under the provisions of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (section 625), visiting (non-immigrant) elementary students are prohibited from attending the public schools. A visiting (non-immigrant) secondary level student is prohibited from attending the public schools unless:
 - a. his/her student visa status does not exceed one year; and
 - b. the student shows proof of having reimbursed the school district for its full, per pupil cost.

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