

## ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO A SCHOOL

Resident students of the Shaker Regional School District (SRSD) shall be assigned to a public school within SRSD by the Superintendent, or designee.

In unusual and extraordinary circumstances parent(s) or guardian(s) may wish to request a change of assignment to another public school within SRSD or a public school in another district. When the parent(s) or guardian(s) believe that the assignment already made will result in a manifest educational hardship to the student, and not in the best interest of the student because of such hardship, the Shaker Regional School Board (SRSB) will consider a request, unless the Superintendent is allowed by statute to do so,<sup>1</sup> according to the procedure stated below.<sup>2,3</sup>

-The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall make a written request, through the Superintendent's office, detailing the specific reasons why they believe that the current assignment constitutes a manifest educational hardship. Any such written request must, if at all, be made by the parent(s) or guardian(s) within fifteen (15) days of notice of the assignment made by the Superintendent or designee.

-SRSB will place on the agenda at a board meeting within fifteen (15) days of receipt the written request of the parent(s) or guardian(s). At such time, the parent(s) or guardian(s) may address SRSB. SRSB will hear the parent(s) or guardian(s) request in non-public session, subject to the right of the parent(s) or guardian(s) to have the matter heard in public session.<sup>4</sup>

-The parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student may use whatever information they deem appropriate to support their request. The parent(s) or guardians(s) must submit information demonstrating to SRSB that the current assignment is a manifest educational hardship.

-In determining whether the current assignment of the student constitutes a manifest educational hardship, and what the corresponding appropriate action should be (which may include, but not be limited to, assignment to a public school in another district) SRSB shall consider all information given it by the parent(s) or guardian(s), the recommendations of the Superintendent, and any other information which SRSB deems relevant and useful.<sup>5</sup>

-SRSB reserves the legal right to make a determination on whether a given request constitutes a manifest educational hardship, and what the corresponding action should be, on a case by case basis.

-SRSB will render its decision in writing within seven (7) days after the meeting in which the parent(s) or guardian(s) addressed SRSB, and will forward its written decision to the parents or guardians via the Superintendent.

-If a parent or guardian is aggrieved by the decision of SRSB, he/she may appeal to the State Board of Education.<sup>6</sup>

## Tuition and Transportation

<sup>1</sup> NH RSA 292:2 II

<sup>2</sup> NH RSA 193:3 II

<sup>3</sup> ED 320

<sup>4</sup> NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

<sup>5</sup> NH RSA 193:4

<sup>6</sup> ED 200

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- 2 The Superintendents involved in the reassignment of schools under this policy shall
- 3 jointly establish a tuition rate for each student. Tuition payments shall be the
- 4 responsibility of the pupil's resident school district. Some or all of the tuition may be
- 5 waived by the Superintendent of the receiving district for good cause shown or pursuant
- 6 to other board policy, if applicable.
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- 8 The cost of transportation shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.