

## **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Residents of the district eligible to attend preschool and up through age 21 may matriculate in Chariho schools in accordance with state law and School Committee policy.

### **Students Enrolled as Current Residents**

If a student's residence changes to an out-of-district location after completion of his/her junior year in high school, the student will be allowed to complete his/her senior year in Chariho High School. If any current Chariho student's residence changes to a location other than one of the member towns during the course of a semester, the student will be allowed to complete the current semester in the Chariho schools. Transportation will not be provided when these options are exercised. These guidelines will not apply if it is determined that a student's residency in a member town was claimed fraudulently and/or under false pretenses.

### **Requests to Attend Chariho Schools**

With the exception of applicants for career and technical programs, requests of students from other districts to pay tuition to attend Chariho schools must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools. Chariho Career and Technical Center applicants must meet admissions criteria compliant with the Regulations of the Board of Regents Governing Career and Technical Education in Rhode Island. For other students, when space is deemed available, the Superintendent of Schools may admit only those students who meet the following criteria: (1) proficiency in mathematics and reading at no more than two grade levels below the student's chronologically appropriate grade level, (2) no instances of endangering behavior or substance abuse (see High School Standards for Student Behavior for definitions) and (3) execution of a tuition payment agreement by creditworthy payor. In extenuating circumstances and with the prior approval of the Superintendent, students who are moving to one of the member towns may be allowed to attend Chariho schools without payment of tuition prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> if residency will be established by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Transportation will not be provided when requests are granted.

### **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures the educational rights and protections of students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The Assistant Superintendent of Schools shall assure that there is compliance with the Act.

### **Attendance in Chariho Based on Residency Claimed under False Pretenses**

If it is determined that a student's residency in Chariho was claimed fraudulently and/or under false pretenses, responsible parents or guardians will be charged tuition for each day the student or students attended Chariho schools without properly being a resident of the Chariho District for school purposes under Rhode Island law. Enrollment in Chariho schools will cease. The District will pursue all legal means to recover tuition.

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