

# **Croydon School District**

## **Student Tuitioning Policy**

It is the policy of the Croydon School District to support the tuitioning of students in grades 5 through 12 under the provisions of Title XV, Education, RSA 193:4

### **Anchor School – Approved Tuition Program**

The Anchor School is the default school for students in grades 5-12 unless the parent(s) expresses an alternate preference or the Anchor School is unable/unwilling to accept the student. The Anchor School's tuition rate to Croydon shall serve as the basis for Croydon's contribution to the tuition of a school of choice. For historical reasons, we choose Newport as our Anchor School but reserve the right to review this designation.

Croydon will provide transportation for all students in grades 5-12 attending the Anchor School or any receiving school on the existing bus route as required under New Hampshire law (RSA 189.6). Croydon may choose to provide transportation to other schools depending on enrollment and economic factors. However, if parents choose a school that is outside the existing bus route, or the published CVS or Anchor School schedule, they need to provide transportation to that school. Otherwise, we cannot engage in a tuition contract with that school.

Croydon will pay the full tuition for any Croydon student attending the Anchor School, and up to the Anchor School's tuition to any other tuition receiving school. If the alternate tuition receiving school tuition exceeds the Anchor School's, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for providing the difference in tuition.

Croydon School District will follow RSA 193:3, VI and VII, and allow a secular or religious private school that meets our requirements to be included in our tuitioning program. All schools in the area will be invited to a school choice day, organized by the superintendent or designee, in the spring of each year to introduce families to their options. Families interested in introducing a school not approved by the NH Department of Education (according to RSA 193:1) shall be advised to do so at least one year in advance. Letters will be sent to 3rd grade and 7th grade families to provide such notice as well as when a child is enrolled the first time.

The tuition receiving school will provide student performance progress reports (report cards and achievements) on a regular basis and standardized testing results annually. The Superintendent will present yearly data on students to the school board and will advise families on the progress of their children and the appropriateness of their school choice. If a significant number of Croydon students are not demonstrating growth at their current school, the Superintendent could advise the school board to end that contract.

Any contracts made with tuition receiving schools whose tuition exceeds our Anchor School will include the provision that the receiving school will send the Croydon School District the base anchor school tuition and send the invoice for the remaining amount to the parents or guardians for any tuition that exceeds the Anchor School tuition.

Contracts are renewable annually unless otherwise negotiated for a longer period of time.

**Legal References:**

NH RSA 189.6

NH RSA 193:4

NH RSA 193:3, VI and VII

NH RSA 193-E:3b, 1 a and b

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