

**Waterford Public Schools
2023-2024 Tuition Rates**

<u>Regular Education</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
K-12	\$19,922
Highly Modified, Regular Education & 504 Programs	Tuition Rate will be based upon the above rates <i>plus</i> costs associated with the student’s specific support services program needs.
Summer School	\$981.24 per Summer Session*
<u>Special Education</u>	
Special Education/Resource Programs with capacity to “Self Contain” moderately to severely handicapped children.	Tuition to be determined by the actual cost of these programs.

* Subject to space availability

Regulation 3045 (b)

Proposed Special Education Rates for School Year	
Service / Program	2023-2024
Emotional/Behavioral Disability (ED) (without a 1:1 Para)	\$81,755.00
Emotional/Behavioral Disability (ED) (includes 1:1 para)	\$98,383.00
Autism/Developmental Delay (without a 1:1 Para)	\$87,297.00
Autism/Developmental Delay (includes 1:1 para)	\$103,925.00
18-21 / Transition Program (without a 1:1 para)	\$56,789.00
18-21 / Transition Program - per student hour	\$63.11
Summer - (without a 1:1 para) *5 WEEK PROGRAM/5 HOURS PER DAY*	\$7,713.00
Summer - (includes a 1:1 para) *5 WEEK PROGRAM/5 HOURS PER DAY*	\$9,376.00
BCBA/Professional Staff Services per hour	\$152.00
Related Services (SLP, COUNS, OT, PT) per hour (group rate of 2 or more = \$64/hour)	\$142.00
1:1 Para Full Time (if not included in tuition)	\$42,258.00
1:1 Para Full Time (Daily rate)	\$234.77
Tutoring Hourly Rate	\$45.94
RN Hourly Rate	\$87.06
LPN Hourly Rate	\$62.09
Additional Tuition Based on Academic Hours	2023-2024
up to 0.5 hrs/wk	\$2,353.00
0.51 to 2 hrs/wk	\$4,705.00
2.01-3.99	\$7,646.00
4-6.99	\$10,589.00
7-9.99	\$13,524.00
10-13.99	\$16,466.00
14-16.99	\$19,408.00
17-19.99	\$22,350.00
20 and over	\$27,055.00

Business/Non-instructional Operations

Tuition Fees

Nonresident students may attend Waterford schools only with tuition payment. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to accept non-resident students on a tuition basis. Tuition fees are set annually.

Tuition students are accepted under the following conditions:

- a. Acceptance is dependent upon space available and must not lead to the hiring of additional staff or the inability to eliminate positions due to declining enrollment or other factors
- b. The Superintendent of Schools shall make the school assignment.
- c. Such admissions are reviewed annually.
- d. Parents are responsible for transportation.

Nonresident tuition students are expected to adhere to school rules of conduct. Failure to do so may result in the denial of the privilege of attending Waterford schools.

Waterford will not be responsible for special education costs considered by the Superintendent of School, in his/her sole discretion, to be a burden on school district expenditures.

To apply for tuition status, a letter must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools requesting tuition status and acknowledging that transportation will be provided by the parents.

Attendance by a nonresident tuition student may be terminated by the Superintendent of Schools if the Superintendent deems such termination is in the best interest of the Waterford Public Schools. An adjustment of tuition on a per diem basis will be made in this instance.

Tuition Payment and Contract

- a. Prior to nonresident students beginning school in the Waterford school district, one half of the full year of tuition (prorated as applicable) will be required as payment, for each nonresident student attending.
- b. After three months of enrollment, the remaining tuition balance is due in full, for each nonresident student attending. This payment is due within thirty dates of invoice.
- c. The parent and/or legal guardian of nonresident students will be required to sign and adhere to the **Tuition Fee Payment Contract, Form #1**.
- d. If a nonresident student disenrolls from Waterford Public Schools, the district will reimburse any prorated remaining balance back to the family.
- e. For special education students, tuition is based on district established rate schedule and the student's specific support service program needs.

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THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION, located in Waterford, Connecticut (hereinafter referred to as the "BOARD"), acting through its Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Thomas Giard, hereunto duly authorized, and **[INSERT NAME of PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS]**, **[INSERT NAME OF TOWN]**, Connecticut, (hereinafter referred to as "PARENT"). When a STUDENT is aged 18 or older, he/she is required to become a party to this AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, **[INSERT STUDENT'S NAME]**, (hereinafter referred to as the "STUDENT") is a resident of the Town of **[INSERT TOWN]**, Connecticut, and is of school age; and

WHEREAS, the STUDENT is not entitled to free school accommodations from the BOARD based on his/her current residency status; and

WHEREAS the PARENT desires to enroll the STUDENT in the Waterford Public Schools, pursuant to the policy and regulations of the BOARD governing the enrollment of non-resident students.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The BOARD will permit the STUDENT to be enrolled as a non-resident student in the Waterford Public Schools for a period commencing **[INSERT DATE]**, and ending **[INSERT DATE]**.
2. The PARENT agrees that the STUDENT shall conform to all rules and regulations of the BOARD and shall be subject to all such controls and obligations as are required by the BOARD. In the event of a report of a disciplinary infraction by the STUDENT, the administration shall provide the STUDENT with notice of the infraction and an opportunity to be heard. The PARENT specifically acknowledges that the BOARD reserves the right to exclude any non-resident student if, in the sole judgment of the Superintendent of Schools, it is in the best interest of the school district to do so.
3. The PARENT agrees to pay tuition to the BOARD according to the tuition schedule established by the BOARD. The tuition fees for the **[XXXX-XXXX]** school year are as follows:
Kindergarten – Grade Twelve **[INSERT AMOUNT]** **(\$XX,XXX)**.
4. The tuition shall be paid in accordance with the preceding schedule in the following manner: Tuition for the first five (5) months of the school year will be paid to the BOARD in advance of the STUDENT's enrollment in the Waterford Public Schools. The remaining balance will be due three (3) months after the STUDENT's enrollment and the PARENT will have thirty (30)

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days after receipt of invoice to pay remaining balance, or STUDENT will be disenrolled from Waterford Public Schools. Tuition will be prorated as necessary based on the STUDENT's date of enrollment.

5. Should the STUDENT require program(s) and/or service(s) which result in an annual expenditure by the BOARD that exceeds the tuition fee, the PARENT shall also be financially responsible for those program and service costs that result in an annual expenditure in excess of the applicable tuition fee. Specifically, if, after admission, the STUDENT is determined to be in need of any additional programs or services, the receipt of such programs or services will be conditioned upon payment from the PARENT for the costs of these additional services. For non-resident students admitted on a tuition basis, payment for additional programs and/or services will therefore be in addition to the tuition fees established by the BOARD. Further, the PARENT agrees that if the STUDENT requires an educational program and/or services which the BOARD is unable to provide or such program or services require a fundamental alteration of the program or services offered at the Waterford Public Schools, the BOARD will notify the PARENT, and the BOARD will remove the STUDENT from enrollment in the Waterford Public Schools.

6. The BOARD agrees to comply with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") and related State laws or regulations. The parties agree that enrollment in the public schools operated by the BOARD shall be treated as enrollment in a private school by the PARENT's choice as opposed to a unilateral placement as that term is understood pursuant to state and federal education laws. In the event that the PARENT or STUDENT or the BOARD seeks a planning and placement team ("PPT") meeting, mediation or a due process hearing regarding the STUDENT's Individualized Education Program ("IEP"), the BOARD shall notify the STUDENT's local educational agency ("LEA") or his/her district of residence of the date and time of the PPT, mediation or hearing so that a representative of the LEA may attend and participate. At no time shall this Agreement be construed to require the BOARD to serve as the LEA for the STUDENT.

7. Should there be a need for the STUDENT to receive homebound instruction, and if the BOARD provides homebound instruction to the STUDENT, the PARENT shall be financially responsible for any program and service costs associated with such homebound instruction, as an expenditure in excess of the annual tuition fee.

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8. Payment for programs or services that result in an annual expenditure in excess of the tuition fee will also be payable in advance, if known. In the event that a program or service for which the PARENT is financially responsible is implemented after the start of the year, the costs for such program and/or service shall be payable prior to the implementation of such program and/or service.

9. If the STUDENT who is enrolled as a non-resident student should become a resident of Waterford on or before [REDACTED] of the school year covered by the terms of this AGREEMENT, he/she may apply for a refund of all tuition paid for the first semester of the school year. Such application for a tuition refund may be made by presenting proof of residency no later than [REDACTED]. The amount of any refund will be pro-rated using the per diem cost of attendance and based upon the date upon which the STUDENT became a resident of Waterford entitled to free school accommodations. Residency status shall be determined by the BOARD in accordance with provisions of state law.

10. The PARENT understands and acknowledges that he/she/they is [are] not entitled to any tuition refund unless the STUDENT becomes a resident of Waterford during the school year for which the payment has been made.

11. If the STUDENT withdraws or otherwise exits the Waterford Public Schools for any reason prior to the end of the year, the BOARD will refund a pro-rated portion of the tuition based upon the per diem cost of attendance and the date upon which the STUDENT exited from the Waterford Public Schools, as determined by the BOARD after written notification of withdrawal of the STUDENT by the PARENT.

12. The PARENT will assume the full responsibility of transporting the STUDENT between the STUDENT'S home and the Waterford Public Schools.

13. The BOARD shall provide, upon written request of the Superintendent of Schools of the LEA, copies of the STUDENT's educational record, to include transcript, report cards, attendance, health, disciplinary, special education, and any other relevant records.

14. In the event that the PARENT does not make the required payments in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT, the BOARD has full authority to elect to (a) remove the STUDENT from school and/or (b) collect all unpaid sums for tuition and related fees through any and all means available at law.

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15. In the event of any default in payment by the PARENT pursuant to this AGREEMENT, the PARENT expressly agrees to pay, in addition to the principal amount of any unpaid sums, interest at the highest rate allowed by law from the due date to the date of actual payment, as well as fees and costs incurred by the BOARD at its efforts to collect said sum, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

16. The PARENT acknowledges that **he/she/they has [have]** read and understood the terms of this AGREEMENT as well as all applicable BOARD policies and regulations concerning the enrollment of non-resident students.

17. The BOARD and the PARENT acknowledge that this AGREEMENT is legally binding upon the parties and enforceable in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. This AGREEMENT shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Connecticut.

18. The signatories to this AGREEMENT represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to enter into this AGREEMENT.

WATERFORD
BOARD OF EDUCATION

By Its Superintendent: Mr. Thomas Giard, III

Date

[INSERT NAME OF PARENT]

Date

[INSERT NAME OF PARENT]

Date

**[INSERT NAME OF STUDENT if 18 years
of age or older]**

Date

Regulation 3045

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