Policy AD: Philosophy of the School District

The State Board of Education recognized Surry as a single district administrative unit by judicial degree signed on August 20, 2010 and was lawfully formed as SAU #91. Residents of Surry created an independent school district, allowing for more local decision-making and oversight. The Surry School Board does not operate any schools and is recognized as a sending district.

It is the duty of the Surry School Board to provide, at district expense, elementary and secondary education to all students who reside in the district in compliance with RSA 189:1-a and when applicable, RSA 186-C. The mission of the Surry School District is to provide our resident students with access to a high-quality educational program that promotes achievement and prepares our students to be contributing members of our society. The objective of the Surry School Board is to provide sufficient financial resources to facilitate resident student attendance to the receiving school districts as authorized by the school board. This mission will be monitored on an ongoing basis and at least every five years.

Resident students are eligible to attend Wheelock Elementary School, within the Keene School District, by tuition contract for kindergarten through grade five. As part of the Wheelock school community, the Surry School Board acknowledges the policies and procedures adopted by the Keene School Board. Surry families and students are advised to make themselves aware of, and are required to comply with, the rules and regulations of Wheelock Elementary School and the policies and practices of the Keene School District.

Resident students are eligible to attend Keene Middle School and Keene High School through an Authorized Regional Enrollment Area (AREA) agreement for grades six through grade twelve. As part of the Keene school community, the Surry School Board acknowledges the policies and procedures adopted by the Keene School Board. Surry families and students are advised to make themselves aware of, and are required to comply with, the rules and regulations of Keene Middle School and Keene High Schools and the policies and practices of the Keene School District.

In addition, RSA 194-b allows resident students to apply for enrollment in chartered public schools. Surry families and students who elect to attend chartered public schools are advised to make themselves aware of and comply with the rules and regulations and policies and practices of the public charter school of attendance.

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Regulation Ed. 306.05 directs school districts to adopt a written philosophy and a statement of goals and objectives consistent with the rules of the state board of education.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

NH Code Administrative Regulations Ed. 306.05 School Philosophy, Goals, and Objectives.

RSA 189:1-a: Duty To Provide Education.

RSA 186-c. Special Education.

RSA 194-B: Chartered Public Schools.

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