

**THE CLARKSVILLE & PITTSBURG  
AUTHORIZED REGIONAL ENROLLMENT AREA PLAN  
BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF CLARKSVILLE AND PITTSBURG**

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 195-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, between the School Districts of Pittsburg and Clarksville.

**1. Name**

The name of the Authorized Regional Enrollment Area School shall be the Pittsburg School located in Pittsburg. The Pittsburg School District shall be the receiving district, and the Clarksville School District shall be the sending district and together they shall form the region which will be served by the AREA school. The receiving district shall be responsible for Grades K – 12.

**2. Computation of Tuition Rates**

The basis for the rate of tuition shall be the lower of: the local cost of current expenses per pupil in Grades K-8 and 9-12, or the state average cost per pupil in grades K-8 and 9-12 respectively for the school year immediately preceding that for which the charge is made and adjusted as outlined in paragraph 2. Local costs shall be computed by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the State Department of Education prior to December 15. The tuition rates shall be made available to the sending district at the time they are published by the State Department of Education.

- A. The sending district shall pay the state average cost per pupil plus an additional \$500 per student for grades K – 8 and an additional \$800 per student for those enrolled in grades 9 – 12. The sending district reserves the right to send up to four eligible students to schools outside the receiving district. The cost per student for those enrolled at the Pittsburg School would be calculated as above.
- B. The sending district reserves the right to send an additional four eligible students at a rate as outlined in #2. The sending district shall pay the receiving district tuition (maximum of 8 (5-8) including paragraph 2 above) to schools outside the receiving district for each remaining enrolled student at the Pittsburg School at a rate, which is the average of the receiving districts actual costs (as outlined in appendix A & B) and the state average cost per pupil plus \$500 for elementary (Gr. K-8) and \$ 800 for High School (Gr. 9-12). The guidelines for sending outside the AREA school are listed in Section 3 – Attendance.

- C. If more than eight eligible students in grades K - 12 attend outside the receiving district, the sending district will pay the receiving district the receiving districts local per pupil cost as outlined in Appendices A & B for those students remaining (enrolled) at Pittsburg School.

### **3. Attendance**

All students living within the sending district shall attend the AREA school if assigned to one of the grades listed in Section 1, with the following exceptions:

- A. Kindergarten eligible youngsters are not required to attend (unless mandated by law)
- B. The sending district may pay tuition to any other district for pupils requiring special education or desiring state approved career and technical education (CTE) for grades 11 and 12. In this case the sending district will also pay a pro-rated amount for the portion of the day the student is in attendance at the receiving school unless scheduling conflicts result.
- C. Residents of the sending district may pay for the tuition of their own children to attend a private school or they may provide home education in accordance with Chapter 193-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated. If a home educated student attends the Pittsburg School on a part time basis the tuition rate will be prorated as a portion of the day for membership.
- D. The sending district School Board shall establish guidelines that it will use to determine if a Clarksville child may attend school in a place other than Pittsburg, always with the best interests of the child being the primary factor.
- E. Calculating the number of students attending school in the receiving district from the sending district, Grades K – 12, shall be determined by the daily enrollment for calculating of the tuition rates outlined in Section 2. The number of eligible pupils from Clarksville, in resident, (excluding those enrolled in a private school, or parent(s) paying tuition to another school, or attending elsewhere for CTE or Special Education purposes or those enrolled in an approved Home Education Program) shall determine the tuition cost as outlined in Section 2 (Computation of tuition rates).
- F. If the child is allowed, under Section 3 (attendance) as amended above, to attend school elsewhere, he/she may continue to attend elsewhere in subsequent years, but will always be counted in determining if the sending district can send others elsewhere.

**4. Special Education**

The costs of Special Education or Section 504 support services (aide, speech and occupational therapy) provided by the receiving district for the students of the sending districts shall be charged to the sending district on an individual basis for the actual costs of the services provided (when these services are unique or not included in the comprehensive programs of the school)

**5. Payment Due Dates**

The receiving district shall bill the sending district on a semi-annual basis with the final payment no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any attendance adjustments made after June 1 will be billed or credited before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Term of the Agreement**

The date of operating responsibility shall be July 1, 2018 and this agreement shall run for six (6) consecutive years, expiring June 30, 2024. In any year during the term of the agreement after July 1, 2021, either the sending or receiving District may request an AREA School Plan Review Board and one shall be established under the provisions of RSA 195-A:14. No District comprising the authorized regionals enrollment AREA may withdraw from the agreement except pursuant to the provisions of RSA 195-A:14.

**7. State Aid**

Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, state aid shall be credited as follows:

- A. Adequacy Grants for grades K through 12 students shall be credited to the respective school district in which each student legally resides.
- B. State Building Aid shall be credited to the school district or districts that incur the direct cost of qualifying expenditures.
- C. All other state aid shall be credited to the district incurring the expenditure qualifying for such aid.

**8. Facility**

The receiving district will provide facilities to accommodate all students in Grades K-12 from the sending district in accordance with Section 3.

**9. Joint AREA Board Meetings and Board Participation**

- A. There will be at least two joint school board meetings of the Clarksville and Pittsburg School Boards annually for the purpose of consulting and advising about any and all matters of joint interest. The sending district will be advised of any improvements or changes in policies, curriculum, and other school programs and services.
- B. A member of the Clarksville School Board may attend any or all-public meetings conducted by the Pittsburg School Board in a non-voting capacity. The Clarksville

School Board may attend non-public sessions relating to a student who is a resident of Clarksville

**10. School Board Notices**

The Pittsburg School Board shall provide the Clarksville School Board with copies of all agendas and copies of the minutes of meetings so called and conducted.

**11. Documentation/Reports**

The Pittsburg AREA Schools shall keep the Clarksville School Board informed regarding student(s) progress, discipline and attendance for all pupils enrolled under the provisions of the written plan in accordance with the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FFERPA).

**12. Educational**

The same pupil regulations will apply to pupils from the sending district as to those of the receiving district.

**13. Amendments**

The written plan may be amended by the two districts comprising the region, consistent with the provisions of RSA 195-A, except that no amendment shall be effective unless the question of adopting such amendment is submitted at an annual or special school district meeting to the voters of the district voting by ballot with the use of a checklist, if requested, by any registered voter of the district, after reasonable opportunity for debate in open meeting and unless a majority of the voters of each district who are present and voting shall vote in favor of adopting such amendment. Furthermore, no amendment to the written plan shall be considered except at an annual or special school meeting of the two districts and unless the text of such amendment is included in an appropriate article in the warrant of such meeting. It shall be the duty of the school board of each district to hold a public hearing concerning the adoption of any amendment to the written plan at least ten days before such meeting and to cause notice of such hearing and the text of the proposed amendment to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area before such hearing.

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DATE: November 20, 2019

DATE: November 25, 2019

The New Hampshire State Board of Education voted at its January 9, 2020 meeting to approve the Proposed Amendments and Renewal of Authorized Regional Enrollment Agreement ( AREA) for Pittsburg and Clarksville School Districts.

January 9, 2020