

**THE COLEBROOK – COLUMBIA
AUTHORIZED REGIONAL ENROLLMENT AREA PLAN
BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF COLEBROOK AND COLUMBIA**

This Agreement is continued pursuant to Chapter 195-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, between the School Districts of Colebrook and Columbia.

- A. The name of the Authorized Regional Enrollment Area Schools shall be the Colebrook Academy and Elementary School, located in Colebrook. The Colebrook School District shall be the receiving district and the Columbia 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.
- B. The rate of tuition shall be the local cost of current expenses per pupil in Grades Kindergarten, 1-8 and 9-12, respectively, for the school year immediately preceding that for which the charge is made. These costs shall be computed by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the State Department of Education annually prior to December 15.
- C. If Colebrook expands their preschool program to accept non- resident students, Columbia preschool age students who meet the criteria as set forth by Colebrook will have the option of attending the preschool program. The rate of tuition shall be the local cost of all current expenses per pupil in the Preschool Program, respectively, for the school year immediately preceding that for which the charge is made.
- D. The tuition rates shall be made available to the sending district at the time they are published by the New Hampshire Department of 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)

E. State Aid

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

- Adequacy Grants for grades K through 12 students shall be credited to the respective school district in which each student legally resides.
- State Building Aid shall be credited to the school district or districts that incur the direct cost of qualifying expenditures.

- All other state aid shall be credited to the district incurring the expenditure qualifying for such aid.

- F. The receiving district shall bill the sending district on the following basis: November 1st, January 1st, April 1st and June 1st.
- G. The date of operating responsibility shall be July 1, 2016 and this agreement shall run for ten (10) consecutive years, expiring June 30, 2026. 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.
- H. All students living within the sending district shall attend the AREA school if assigned to one of the grades listed in Article A.
- I. The receiving district will provide facilities to accommodate all students in Grades K – 12 from the sending district. This will include PreK students that meet the requirements established in section C.
- J. Columbia students who attend a program in a Career and Technical Education Center (CTE Center) outside of Colebrook or Canaan high schools may attend the high school containing the CTE Center for the entire school day. Columbia students who attend a vocational program in Canaan will attend Canaan Memorial High School for that part of the day when the program is offered. Columbia students who attend a program in Canaan will have tuition assessed by Colebrook and Canaan based on the portion of the day enrolled in each school.
- K. There will be at least two joint school board meetings of the Colebrook and Columbia 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.
- L. The Colebrook AREA Schools shall give the sending district progress reports and attendance reports for all pupils enrolled under the provisions of the written plan.

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

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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November 26, 2019

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November 19, 2019

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