

16 V.S.A. § 827

§ 827. Designation of a public high school or an approved independent high school as the public high school of a school district

Option:

(c) A parent or legal guardian who is dissatisfied with the instruction provided at a designated school or who cannot obtain for his or her child the kind of course or instruction desired there, or whose child can be better accommodated in an approved independent or public high school nearer his or her home during the next academic year, **may request on or before April 15 that the school board pay tuition to another approved independent or public high school selected by the parent or guardian.**

(d) The school board may pay tuition to another approved high school as requested by the parent or legal guardian if in its judgment that will best serve the interests of the student. **Its decision shall be final in regard to the institution the student may attend.** If the board approves the parent's request, the board shall pay tuition for the student in an amount not to exceed the least of:

- (1) The statewide average announced tuition of Vermont union high schools.
- (2) The per-pupil tuition the district pays to the designated school in the year in which the student is enrolled in the nondesignated school. If the district has designated more than one school pursuant to this section, then it shall be the lowest per-pupil tuition paid to a designated school.
- (3) The tuition charged by the approved nondesignated school in the year in which the student is enrolled.

Process:

1. Stratton contacts 1-3 Public or Approved Independent Schools and get commitment to be designated as a receiving school.
2. Stratton voters hold a special meeting to Designate 1-3 Public or Approved Independent Schools.
3. Board hears Parent requests on or before April 15th of the year prior
4. Board decision is final

Consequences:

- Students in K-8 have choice
- Students in 9-12 attend Designated School(s) or Board approves parent request
- Board approving parent requests and denying parent requests could be problematic
- No real reduction in costs to Stratton School District, **unless** designation reduces number of students

Questions: