

## **SCHOOL CHOICE**

Each school year prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, the School Committee will decide whether or not the district will participate in the Interdistrict School Choice program. It is the policy of this school district to not admit non-resident students except under the terms and conditions of the Interdistrict School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12). This decision will be reaffirmed each school year before June 1<sup>st</sup>. If the District were to participate in the Interdistrict School Choice Law, it would do so under the following local conditions:

1. By May 1 of every school year, the administration will determine the number of spaces in each school available to choice students.
2. The selection of non-resident students for admission when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces be in the form of a random drawing.
3. Any student who is accepted for admission under the provisions of this policy is entitled to remain in the district until graduation from high school except if there is a lack of state funding of the school choice program.
4. The School Committee affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special needs, academic performance or proficiency in the English language.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. [71:6](#); [71:6A](#); [76:6](#); [76:12](#); [76:12B](#)

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