

Every student 18 years of age or older shall be deemed to be an adult. However, such students shall comply with the established policies and regulations, pursue the prescribed course of study, and submit to the authority of teachers and others in authority over them.

Participation Forms

Approved forms for participation shall be required of all students. The form should indicate that the signature is that of the student of legal age. Sponsors and/or coaches shall be required to confirm the ages of those students signing their own forms.

Absence Notes

Students who are of legal age may sign absence notes, normally signed by parents/legal guardians. Such absences shall be reported to the parent/legal guardian on the regular report card.

Suspension/Expulsion Proceedings

All suspension and/or expulsion proceedings shall conform to school policy and state statutes. Notification shall continue to be sent to parents/legal guardians of all such suspension or expulsions. Students of legal age, however, are permitted to represent themselves upon reinstatement to school following a suspension. If a student of legal age wishes to represent himself/herself without parent/legal guardian involvement, he/she shall sign a statement to that effect.

Withdrawal from School

Students of legal age may withdraw from school under their own cognizance. Counselors shall continue to guide and counsel potential school dropouts and encourage their continued attendance. Parents/legal guardians shall continue to be notified of impending dropouts by the school guidance department.

Progress Reports

Failure letters and progress reports will continue to be sent to the parent/legal guardian.

Residence Requirements

The policies and regulations pertaining to residence requirements shall pertain to students of legal age.

Damage to School Property

Students of legal age can be held financially responsible for damage to school property.

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Massachusetts General Law References:

M.G.L. 71:34E – Inspection of Student Records by Parent

M.G.L. 76:18 – Notice Required Prior to Student’s Withdrawal
Westford Public Schools Policy References:

P5101 – Enrollment/Age – Westford Residents

P5103 – School Choice (Massachusetts Residents)

P5104 – Non-School Choice (Non-Massachusetts Residents)

P6111 – Student Records

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