

## **NON-SCHOOL CHOICE (NON-MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS)**

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The School Committee may accept applications for non-school choice students to attend the Westford Public Schools. Formal acceptance of a non-school choice/tuition student to the Westford Public Schools guarantees the student all the rights and privileges of a resident student. The parents/legal guardians and/or student agree to accept all of the policies and regulations established by the School Committee and the Westford Public Schools. In requesting permission to enroll their children, the parents/legal guardians of non-school choice students must seek approval under the following conditions:

1. These students are defined as those whose parents/legal guardians reside outside Massachusetts.
2. Notification by letter to the Superintendent must be made before June 1st for fall enrollment.
3. Future Residents: The children of families who have (a) a signed contract to buy or build a residence, or (b) a signed agreement to rent a home or apartment in the Town of Westford, may be enrolled during the semester in which they expect to become residents with a pro-rated charge of tuition (non-school choice) until the parents/legal guardians move into their Westford residence.
4. Former Residents: With the exception of seniors, regularly enrolled children of families who have moved out-of-state after the first marking period of the school year may complete that school year with a pro-rated charge of tuition. Seniors may finish the year without the charge of tuition.
5. Other Non-Residents: Other non-school choice students not affected by the above provisions may be accepted with charges of tuition only on an annual basis and provided (a) no increase in the size of the faculty or staff will be necessary to accommodate them; and (b) it appears to the appropriate school authority at the time of acceptance that no class on the elementary grade level and no section in the secondary school courses to which such students will be assigned will contain more than the desired number of students as established by the School Committee class size guidelines.
6. Acceptance of and continuation of student's presence in the school system will be the overall determination of the administration of the Westford Public Schools. The administration reserves the right to dismiss a student from continuation because of discipline problems, lack of academic success, or lack of attendance.
7. The School Committee affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, marital status, age, military status, homelessness, disability, pregnancy, or parenting status, athletic or academic achievement, or proficiency in the English language.
8. The parent/legal guardian shall be responsible for providing the student transportation to the school he/she is to attend.

**Massachusetts General Law References:**

M.G.L. 76:5 – Place of Attendance; Discrimination

M.G.L. 76:6 – Payment of Tuition for Non-Resident Students

M.G.L. 76:7 – Tuition of Foster Care Children

M.G.L. 76:9 – High School Tuition; Foster Care Children M.G.L. 76:12 – Attendance Outside Place of Residence

M.G.L. 76:12A – Plans to Reduce Racial Imbalance; Funds M.G.L. 76:12B – Interdistrict School Choice

**MASC Policy Reference: JFBB-I**

**Westford Public Schools Policy References:**

P3404 – Tuition Fees

P5102 – Students of Legal Age

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