

WAREHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2011-2012
SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION

Please complete this form for **each** School Choice Student entering Wareham Public Schools and return to Dr. Barry Rabinovitch, Superintendent of Schools, 54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571.

Grade Entering 2011- 2012 _____ Date _____

Student's Name: _____
Last, First, MI

Address: _____
Street City/Town Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
Last, First Work Telephone

Last, First Work Telephone

School Last Attended: _____
Name Address Telephone

Do you have a sibling attending Wareham Public Schools? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please indicate name, grade level and school: _____

If accepted as a School Choice student, I hereby authorize representatives of Wareham Public Schools to receive and review copies of my child's school records. I understand that no accommodations are made for transportation to and from school.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature (if over age of 18) _____ Date _____

Wareham Public Schools

School Choice Guidelines for the 2011-2012 School Year

- Massachusetts School Choice Law (General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 12B) was enacted in 1991 to allow parents to send their children to public schools in communities other than those in which they reside.
- Under school choice, parents will not have to pay any tuition costs to the receiving district. The sending school system pays the per pupil tuition to the receiving school system through the Chapter 70 aid mechanism. The sending school system cannot refuse resident students from participating in school choice. Further, the sending school cannot refuse to pay the receiving school's tuition.
- Applications for the school choice program will be accepted at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.
- Students shall be selected on a first come, first served basis. Wareham Public Schools shall accept applications for entry at any time throughout the year.
- Wareham Public Schools shall not discriminate in the admission of any child.
- Once a non-resident student has been admitted under the school choice program, except for discipline reasons, s/he has the right to remain in this district until graduation from high school. This right exists even if Wareham Public Schools decides to no longer participate in the school choice program.
- Students accepted under the school choice program are subject to all policies and procedures of the Wareham Public School District.
- Wareham Public Schools is committed to quality education in a small classroom setting. Therefore, each principal will be asked to review his/her class sizes at the time a student applies for school choice. Students will be approved in grades K-12 if acceptance does not increase the applicable class size beyond 25. No students will be accepted to the West Wareham Academy under the school choice program.