

## RESIDENCY

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to school administrators, parents and/or legal guardians regarding the admission of students to the Wareham Public Schools. The right to attend the schools is regulated by statute and is generally limited to students who reside in Wareham and to certain nonresident students who are eligible to attend the schools under specific programs or conditions approved by the Wareham School Committee.

### Eligibility

In accordance with the laws governing the provision of special education services, Wareham provides services to students ages 3 through 21. Wareham School Committee Policy entitled "Entrance Age" establishes Wareham's age requirements for enrolling in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades. Wareham establishes a maximum permissible age for school attendance at 21 years for individuals who do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Every student seeking admission to school for the first time must present proof of vaccination and immunizations as required by the state.

### Verification of Residency

Before a student is enrolled in the Wareham Public Schools, Wareham must receive appropriate evidence of the student's residency in Wareham. This evidence will include two of the following (see Registration Procedure).

1. Copy of an executed lease or rental agreement stating the beginning date of residency and duration of the lease/rental agreement;
2. Copy of an executed Purchase and Sale Agreement stating the closing date;
3. Copy of deed or most recent property tax bill and record of most recent mortgage statement (financial information may be omitted);
4. Copy of a utility bill;
5. Copy of a Section 8 agreement;
6. A valid MA driver's license, Photo ID Card, Passport, or other Government-issued Photo ID;
7. A voter's registration card

The school district reserves the right to require additional documentation where, in the judgment of the Superintendent, a student's actual residence has not been established.

### Relationship to Federal and Massachusetts Laws and Regulations

It is the intent of the foregoing policy that the Wareham Public Schools shall also be in compliance with all Federal and State laws and regulations bearing upon enrollment issues, including but not limited to:

- 42 USC 11431 et seq.: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- 8 U.S.C. 1184: Federal Immigration Law Regarding Foreign Students

- 105 CMR 220: Immunization of Students Before Admission to School`
- 603 CMR 8.02: Kindergarten: Minimum School Age
- 603 CMR 28.00: Massachusetts Special Education Regulations
- Caregiver Authorization Affidavit, M.G.L Chapter 511 of the Acts of 2008 as amended by Chapter 201F

Legal References:

M.G.L. Chapter 76, Sections 5 and 6 and the above-referenced laws and regulations

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