

**SCHOOL CHOICE
ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**

Non-resident students may attend the Newburyport Public Schools under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 12b, as amended and modified, and subject to regulations drawn up by the superintendent and approved by the school committee.

A. Cost of Tuition

1. The cost of tuition for non-resident students will be borne by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the law.
2. Funds received from the Commonwealth in payment of tuition for non-resident students will be deposited with the city treasurer in a separate account for the use of the school committee without further appropriation.

B. Admissions

1. The school committee will determine the number of non-resident students to be accepted on the basis of information provided by the superintendent. The committee will make this determination after considering enrollment, staffing needs, and class size data.
2. Information concerning the number of non-residents to be admitted will be published as the committee deems appropriate.
3. The superintendent will determine the acceptance of Choice students conditional upon availability of seats. A wait list will be established and admissions from the wait list will be on a first come, first serve basis.
4. Non-resident students currently enrolled shall continue to be enrolled.
5. By law, siblings of non-resident students (existing choice) enrolled in the schools take precedence in admittance over other applicants.
6. If a student moves and no longer lives in Newburyport but wishes to remain a student in the Newburyport Public Schools, a School Choice application **must** be completed and submitted to the superintendent. The superintendent will determine the acceptance of Choice students conditional upon availability of seats.
7. Non-resident students admitted under this policy may maintain their enrollment until they graduate.

C. Transportation

The school committee will not provide transportation for non-resident students enrolled under this policy.

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