

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

- 1.0 Scarborough School Department shall admit students of legal age who reside with a parent or guardian in the community. The only allowable exception will be resident students who are eighteen (18) years of age and legally emancipated from their parents. Adequate proof of residence shall be required. The Board of Education reserves the right to verify residency through appropriate means for an enrolled student or a student applying for enrollment.
- 2.0 “Residence” means bona fide residence - one’s actual residence maintained in good faith. It does not mean a temporary or superficial residence established for school attendance purposes. Residence shall be the place where important family activities take place. It is the place where the family eats, sleeps, relaxes and plays. It is the place called “home.” While it is possible for an individual to own property and pay taxes in Scarborough, it will not be considered a residence for school attendance unless the student’s parent or guardian maintains a “home” in Scarborough.
- 3.0 Guardianship shall be determined by a court order or probated will appointing a resident of Scarborough as the student’s guardian. Students will not be accepted for enrollment or allowed to continue in school on the basis of guardianship established by a power of attorney.
- 4.0 The Board of Education provides Kindergarten programs for Scarborough resident students who are five (5) years old on or before October 15 of the school year.
- 5.0 Students entering school for the first time shall be admitted upon presentation of an original birth certificate, proof of Scarborough residence, a record of required inoculations and pertinent health records. Photocopies shall be made of these documents and retained in the student’s file.
- 6.0 New students who are transferring into the Scarborough School System from another school administrative unit shall be admitted on the basis of age, proof of residency, health and academic records. If deemed necessary by the Principal, original documentation may be required to determine a student’s eligibility for enrollment and assignment.

Legal Reference: Title 18-A MRSA § 5-201, et seq.
Title 20-A, MRSA. §§ 5202 et. seq., 6002
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