



Westport Community Schools

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION 2023-2024

GRADE ENTERING

Grade: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current School: _____ Town: _____

Siblings Attending Westport Community Schools: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Legal Guardian(s): _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

ADDITIONAL INFO

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| Is student receiving special education services? | YES | NO | (If yes, please attach active IEP) |
| Is student presently receiving Title I Services? | YES | NO | |
| Is the student in need of ELL services? | YES | NO | |
| Does the student have a 504 Accommodation? | YES | NO | |
| Has the student been expelled from school? | YES | NO | |
| Has the student been suspended from school? | YES | NO | |

To complete your application please attach copies of the following documents

1. Last school report card
2. School discipline record
3. Copy of IEP, 504 if applicable

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the policies relating to the School Choice Program, and agree to provide daily transportation to and from school for my child for the duration they are enrolled as School of Choice students, if accepted. Furthermore, I agree to notify the school if there is any change of address.

I authorize Westport Community Schools to contact my child’s current school to obtain records.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Return applications and supporting documentation to:

Westport Community Schools 17 Main Road, Westport, MA 02790 or email to: Felicia Pacheco at fpacheco@westportschools.org

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School Choice Guidelines

Please keep this page for your reference

All school-age children who live in Massachusetts are entitled to attend a public school free of charge. Most children attend school in their home district where they live. The School Choice Program allows parents the opportunity to have their children attend our schools while residing in a surrounding town. As a parent of a student applying to the School Choice Program, I understand and agree to the following guidelines:

- There are a limited number of School Choice seats and participation in the School Choice Program is determined by the Westport School Committee's annual vote.
- An application is required for each student applying and those applications must be received by the established deadline.
- Applications from siblings of students already enrolled in Westport Community Schools under the School Choice program and who will remain in the School Choice program during that school year will, by law, receive priority in placement. Such students will be accepted first, IF space is available in the grade they are seeking. If there are more applicants than the number of seats, a random drawing will be conducted among them to determine placement.
- Once siblings have been placed, the remaining vacancies will be filled by a random drawing.
- Should the number of applications exceed the number of vacancies, all applicants not accepted will be randomly selected and placed, in the order of their selection, on a waiting list for that school year.
- Parents will receive a Notice of Acceptance indicating their child's status (seat awarded or waitlist status) via mail.
- There are no openings in the Medically Fragile or Specialized Self-contained Special Education Programs. However, mainstream classes can provide special education services, with the exceptions above. Students currently receiving Special Education Services will be required to provide a current IEP during enrollment.
- Your child may be denied a School Choice seat based on past school disciplinary actions in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.
- Bus transportation is not available for School Choice students. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide daily transportation and to ensure students arrive at school on time and are promptly picked up after school.
- Once accepted into the School Choice Program, parents will need to REGISTER their child in the Westport Community Schools.
- If accepted, I agree to notify my child's school to report any changes in our home address.
- The School Choice lottery will take place no later than the last week of June (annually), with notifications sent one week following the lottery. If all seats are not filled, applications will be accepted until September 1st on an annual basis.

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