

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Code</i>
	EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	JHD

HOLLISTON

Denial of Admission

Denial of admission means the withholding of the privilege of enrolling in a school of the Holliston Public Schools (HPS).

The Holliston School Committee (HSC) affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race*, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, active military/veteran status, marital status, familial status, pregnancy, or pregnancy-related condition, homelessness, ancestry, ethnic background, national origin, or any other category protected by state or federal law, athletic performance, academic performance, or proficiency in the English language.

**race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, hair length and protective hairstyles.*

The following shall be the grounds for denial of admission to school or for diversion to an appropriate alternative program:

- Graduation from the twelfth grade and/or HPS Transition Program of any school or receipt of any document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum;
- Failure to meet the requirements of age for beginning school as determined by the HSC as provided in Massachusetts General Laws;
- Failure to meet the residency requirements and HPS has opted not to participate in the School Choice Law;
- Failure to comply with the provisions of the Massachusetts School Entry Immunization Law.

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