

SCHOOL CHOICE

It is the policy of the North Middlesex Regional School District to admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Interdistrict School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12B) and under the following local conditions:

1. That by May 1st of every school year, the administration will determine the number of spaces in each school available to choice students.
2. That by June 1st of every school year, if consideration is being given to withdraw from the provisions of the choice law, a public meeting will be held to review this decision.
3. The district will give enrollment preference to applicants who have a sibling currently attending the district, provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade, and the district has seats available in the desired grades.
4. The district will grant sibling preference for siblings applying to the choice program in the same year, in accordance with school committee policy, such that if one sibling applicant is admitted to the choice program, his/her sibling will also be admitted, provided that a choice seat is available in that grade. The district will not provide special dispensation (additional seats above the enrollment maximum) for new sibling applicants.
5. If there is more than one student applying with sibling preference to the same grade level that exceeds the number of available spaces, a random drawing will be held.
6. That the selection of non-resident students for admission be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place during the last week of the current school year but no later than July 1st. The second will be conducted during the week immediately preceding the opening of the next school year and will be based on the possibility of unexpected additional openings.
7. Any student who is accepted for admission under the provisions of this policy is entitled to remain in the District until graduation from high school.
8. The School Committee affirms its position, in accordance with M.G.L. 76:12B, that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance or proficiency in the English language.

SOURCE: MASC

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