WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

Website: www.westportschools.org

The School Choice program allows parents to send their children to schools in communities other than the city or town they reside. Tuition is paid by the sending district to the receiving district. Districts may elect not to enroll school choice students if no space is available.

The Westport Community Schools has elected to participate in school choice for the 2026-2027 school year. On May 13, 2026, the School Committee voted to accept **Ten (10) students in Grade 9, five (5) students in Grade 10. If there are more applications than available seats, a lottery will be conducted on June 5th.**

If you are interested in applying for School Choice please click on the link, download and complete the application.

SCHOOL CHOICE

The Westport Community Schools will admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Inter-district School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76-12) and under the following local conditions:

1. The administration will determine the number of spaces available at each level for school choice students by June 1st of each school year.
2. The total number of students at each grade level will be certified by the School Committee by June 1st and will be reported to the Department of Education each year.
3. The School Committee will conduct a public meeting by June 1st of any year if consideration is being given to withdraw from the provisions of the choice law.
4. In accordance with the district open enrollment policy, resident students will be given priority placement in any classes or programs within the district.
5. When the number of requests for school choice exceeds the number of available spaces, the selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a drawing. The drawing will take place no later than the last week of each year. Any sibling of a student currently enrolled as a school choice student shall, upon application, receive priority for admission to the program.
6. 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, except if there is a lack of funding for the program.
7. Transportation for school choice students shall be the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.
8. The School Committee affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, age, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance, or proficiency in the English language, subject to the availability of specific programs and student services at the specific building for which space is available.
9. With respect to students requiring special needs, in accordance with current law, the district will charge the sending district of the non-resident student the actual cost of educating any special needs student accepted as part of the choice program, including the cost of a substantially separate program or private Chapter 766 day or residential school placement, if applicable.

For more information on the School Choice Program please go to http://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/schoolchoice/

It is the policy of the Westport Community Schools to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment, violence or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex/gender, marital status, homelessness, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, family care leave status, pregnancy or any condition related to pregnancy, or military/veteran status.