ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Attleboro, Massachusetts

School Admission Policy

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The Attleboro School Committee has adopted the following policy regarding the residency and enrollment of students. This policy has been adopted to ensure that only families who actually reside in the City of Attleboro have full access to a comprehensive education. Therefore, the Attleboro Public Schools has established specific requirements for proof of residency.

All children of school age who reside in the City of Attleboro are entitled to attend the Attleboro Public Schools. When a student enrolls in the Attleboro Public Schools, the parent/guardian must provide documentation to the administration that establishes the residency of the student and/or parent. The Attleboro Public Schools may conduct an investigation into the residency of any student, either upon enrollment or thereafter, if any questions arise about the student's residency.

In order to attend Attleboro Public Schools, a student must actually reside in the City of Attleboro. The only exceptions are listed below. The residence of a minor child is ordinarily presumed to be the legal residence of the child's parent or legal guardian having physical custody of the child. A person's "residence" is the place where the person currently dwells, with an intention to remain, and is in the town that is the core of his/her domestic, social, and civil life. In determining residency, Attleboro Public Schools retains the right to require verifiable documentation and to investigate where a student actually resides.

The principal at each school will verify the telephone number and home address of all students at least annually. Verification of residency, including updated documentation, will be required when students enter the School District, move from Grade 4 to Grade 5, from Grade 8 to Grade 9. If there is any change in residency status, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to notify the building principal in the school where their child is enrolled within five (5) business days of the change of address. The Attleboro Public Schools reserves the right to request additional documents and/or to conduct an investigation; therefore, the district may enlist the services of a Residency Officer/Investigator to verify a family's residency. If a determination is made that the student does not actually reside in the City of Attleboro, the student's enrollment will be terminated immediately. A parent, legal guardian, or student who has reached the age of majority (18), may appeal this determination of ineligibility for enrollment to the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, whose decision shall be final.

The parent/guardian or the student him/herself are required to bring a copy of the student's complete school record from previous school districts. The administration will assist the parent/guardian or the student in obtaining a complete school record.

Age of Admittance:

In an effort to provide reasonable consistency of maturity levels among student in the Attleboro High School program, no student shall be permitted to attend the regular high school program after age 19. Students who turn 19 years old by September 30 of the year for which placement is being requested must be on track to graduate that year. Such students shall be afforded an opportunity to pursue a high school diploma through the Attleboro Community Academy. This provision shall not be automatically applied to students served by the District's Special Education Programs for students with disabilities.

: T h e Residency Requirements shall be waived under the following conditions:

- Students who fall under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. A homeless student temporarily residing in Attleboro may be immediately enrolled, even without records typically required for enrollment.
- Students whose parents divorce or separate and share physical custody, provided one custodial parent remains a resident of the City of Attleboro and the student resides with the parent who resides in the City of Attleboro. Investigation of residency in these circumstances or where no legal custodial agreement is in place, may include consideration of the number of nights the student spends in Attleboro, analysis of where the student resides pursuant to any custody arrangement, and the center of the student's domestic, social, and civic life. (*Legal documentation must be provided to school office.)
- Students who move to another town or district on June 1st of any given school year or thereafter, shall be allowed to complete the school year with the prior approval of the building principal and Superintendent. The parents will be responsible for providing transportation to and from school.
- Students qualifying for admission under School Committee Policy JFA

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Legal References:

- 15:1G; 76:1; 76.5; 76:15; 76:15A
- 603 CMR 26.00

Cross References:

- JFABD: Homeless Students Enrollment Rights and Services
- JFABE: Educational Opportunities for Military Children
- JFABF: Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care
- JFBB: School Choice
- JLCA: Physical Examination of Students
- JLCB: Immunization of Students