

## **Policy Concerning Admission of Resident Students**

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This school system shall admit as students those of legal school age whose parents or guardians legally reside within the school unit boundaries. Adequate proof of residence shall be required. The board reserves the right to verify residency through appropriate means for any enrolled student or any family applying for enrollment.

“Residence” shall be considered the place where important family activity takes place - the place where the family eats, sleeps, relaxes, and plays. It is a place which can be called a “home”. While it is possible for an individual to maintain property and pay taxes in more than one location or community, for the purposes of student eligibility for school attendance “residence” shall mean where the parent maintains a home.

Consistent with Maine Department of Education Informational Letter No. 026, issued December 22, 1992, powers of attorney will not be recognized as sufficient to establish guardianship for purposes of student eligibility for attendance in this school unit. To meet the legal standard of “guardian” for school purposes, the student’s guardian must provide the Superintendent with a copy of a court order or probated will appointing that person guardian of the student.

Resident students entering school for the first time shall be admitted upon presentation, to the principal, of a birth certificate, record of required inoculations, and pertinent health records. Photocopies shall be made and retained in the student’s file.

New resident students who are transferring into the school shall be admitted on the basis of age, health, and academic records received from the previous school. However, original documentation may be required if deemed necessary to appropriately determine a student’s eligibility for enrollment and assignment.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Maine Commissioner of Education Informational Letter No. 026, December 22, 1992; Title 20A MRSA Sec. 5202.

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