

### **School Admissions and Residency Requirements**

A person is eligible to attend the Hopkinton Public Schools if he or she is of school age and is:

- Living with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who have physical custody and are residents of Hopkinton, or
- Intending to be a resident within thirty (30) school days from the start of the school year (requires proof of Purchase & Sale with closing date or lease) and approved by the Superintendent or designee, or
- At least eighteen (18) years of age, having established residency, or
- An approved tuition-paying student, (i.e., F1 Visa Program) or
- Homeless, which is defined as a person living in Hopkinton who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence such as a shelter or a place not designed to be a sleeping accommodation.

An eligible student will be admitted regardless of national citizenship, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

A student registering for the first time must present a birth certificate or equivalent proof of age as well as proof of vaccination and immunizations as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. A child whose parent(s) or guardian(s) state religious objections to vaccinations or immunizations or who are homeless may register without vaccination or immunization records.

Proof of legal guardianship may be required.

Proof of residency will be required at the time of registration or at any time that school officials have reason to question a student's residency, which is defined as the place where a person resides permanently, not temporarily or sporadically, and is the center of his or her domestic, social, and civic life.

The Superintendent may request three or more of the following as proof of residency: Purchase and Sale agreement, record of most recent mortgage payment, copy of lease with record of most recent rent payment, notarized attestation of residency, Section 8 Agreement, or utility bill (gas, oil, electric, cable, water, sewer).

The Superintendent reserves the right to investigate at any time if a student's residency is in question. If an investigation establishes that a student is not a resident, the student will be dismissed from the Hopkinton Public Schools. Parents or guardians of a non-resident student may be required to submit restitution for the period of time that the student was improperly attending school in Hopkinton. Anyone who assists in the violation of the residency law may be required to submit restitution in the event that the parents or guardians cannot pay the full amount.

The superintendent may allow high school seniors whose parents or guardians have moved out of town to complete their education on the following two conditions:

1. The family moves January 1 or later in the school year
2. The student has remained in good standing with his or her discipline and academic records

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Procedure Reference	