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Policy 621: Enrollment of Non-Resident Pupils

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Section 3 Adopted 9/6/72, Amended 1/19/05

1. Enrollment of non-resident pupils.
 - a. Except as noted below, non-resident pupils will not be enrolled in the public schools of Shrewsbury. Residency for school attendance purposes is covered by Chapter 76, Sections 5 and 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.
 - b. In accordance with the "School Choice Law" (M. G. L. C. 76, Section 12B), the School Committee will vote before June 1 each year and notify the Department of Education on whether the Shrewsbury Public Schools will participate in School Choice for the following year.
 - c. Under M. G. L. Ch. 76, Section 5, a person has the right to attend the public school in the town where s(he) actually resides, subject to the following: "No school committee is required to enroll a person who does not actually reside in the town unless said enrollment is authorized by law or by the school committee. Any person who violates or assists in the violation of this provision may be required to remit full restitution to the town of the improperly-attended public school." (M.G.L. Ch. 76, Section 5).
 - d. No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to the Shrewsbury Public Schools on account of race, color, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sex, pregnancy or pregnancy-related medical conditions, national origin, homelessness, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by federal or state law or School Department policy. (M.G.L. Ch. 76, Section 5)
 - e. If it is determined that the child resides in Shrewsbury for the special purpose of attending school therein, the child may attend school with the authorization of the school committee of the town and may also recover tuition from the parent or guardian. Said tuition may not exceed the average expense per pupil in the school for the said period of attendance. M. G. L. Ch. 76, Sections 5 and 6. If it is determined that a child is traveling to Shrewsbury from a residence outside Shrewsbury for the purpose of attending school in the town, the School Department shall expel the child from the system.
 - f. If a non-resident parent or guardian of a school-age child is building, has purchased, or has rented a home in Shrewsbury for personal legal residence and provides evidence that the child will be a resident of Shrewsbury within sixty days, the child will be enrolled. The parent or guardian must provide necessary school transportation.
 - g. If the non-resident parent or guardian does not comply with the sixty-day requirement, the School Committee will determine the continued enrollment of the children.
2. Resident pupils to non-resident: When a pupil is no longer a resident of Shrewsbury, the child shall not continue in attendance in the Shrewsbury Public Schools except that:
 - a. A high school senior at Shrewsbury High School may be permitted to complete senior year at Shrewsbury High School. Such continued attendance is considered a privilege and requires satisfaction of the following conditions:
 - i. Residency in Shrewsbury as of the end of the school year of the junior year

- ii. The recommendation of the high school principal
- iii. The student will continue to comply with all expectations and policies of the school and school district
- iv. The parent or guardian or the student provides transportation to and from school, unless transportation provided by the school district is warranted under laws or regulations governing pupils who are considered as having a disability or other qualifying circumstance
- v. The consent of the Shrewsbury School Committee

Further, the Shrewsbury School Committee may contract, at its discretion, with either the town in which he/she resides or the parent or guardian for tuition changes. (M. G. L. c. 71 6A; M. G. L. c76, 12.)

- b. Any pupil who becomes a non-resident on or after April 15 will be permitted to complete the current school year. Such continued attendance is a privilege and requires satisfaction of the following conditions:
 - i. The superintendent's approval of the request to complete the current school year
 - ii. The student will continue to comply with all expectations and policies of the school and school district
 - iii. The parent or guardian provides transportation to and from school, unless transportation provided by the school district is warranted under laws or regulations governing pupils who are considered as having a disability or other qualifying circumstance

- c. Any pupil who becomes a non-resident due to extreme circumstances that constitute a significant hardship, including, but not limited to, the death of a custodial parent or guardian or the pupil having a terminal illness, and who does not qualify for continued enrollment under laws or regulations governing pupils who are considered "homeless," may be allowed to continue to attend the Shrewsbury Public Schools. Such continued attendance is a privilege and requires satisfaction of the following conditions:
 - i. The recommendation from the superintendent that provides a detailed rationale for why the circumstances are extreme and constitute significant hardship.
 - ii. The student will continue to comply with all expectations and policies of the school and school district
 - iii. The parent or guardian provides transportation to and from school, unless transportation provided by the school district is warranted under laws or regulations governing pupils who are considered as having a disability or other qualifying circumstance
 - iv. The consent of the Shrewsbury School Committee
 - v. Documented agreement with the parent or guardian that specifies that continued attendance as a non-resident is a privilege subject to this policy that may be revoked.

3. Foreign students residing in Shrewsbury.

- a. The school committee seeks to encourage and stimulate a better understanding of foreign countries, customs, cultures and people.
- b. The school committee encourages the participation of the school district in approved foreign exchange programs. All such programs should be approved by the building principal.

4. Homeless students.

Refer to School Committee policy 648.

This policy will be reviewed within five years of its most recent revision.