

SCHOOL CHOICE

It is the policy of Sutton School District to admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Interdistrict School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12B) and under the following local conditions:

1. That by April 15 of every school year, the School Committee will determine the number of spaces in each grade available to school choice students based on the recommendation of the Superintendent. That by June 1 of every school year, if consideration is being given to withdraw from the provisions of the choice law, a public meeting will be held to review this decision.
2. That the selection of non-resident students for admission be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. The drawing will take place during the first week of May. A waiting list will then be established based on the date of application. The waiting list will only be held until all the selections have been made for the upcoming school year.
3. Unsuccessful applicants must send a letter of request each year, by April 30, indicating that they wish to be considered for a school choice seat for the next school year.
4. 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 of the program.
5. 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, homelessness, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance or proficiency in the English language.
6. Current Sutton students who move out of district while in high school may be allowed to remain in Sutton through graduation under school choice, subject to M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 12B and other applicable law.

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LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:6; 71:6A; 76:6; 76:12; 76:12B
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