

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

1.0 REQUIREMENTS - M.G.L.

Massachusetts State Law requires that all students attending the public schools must attend school in the district where they actually reside (*Chapter 76, Section 6, M.G.L.*). **If a child resides temporarily in a town other than the legal residence of his/her parent/guardian for the special purpose of attending school in that town, the said town may recover tuition from the parent/guardian.**

- 1:1 Only students who reside in Swansea with a parent, legal guardian or a DCF approved foster parent are eligible to attend Swansea Schools.
- 1:2 All others will be required to provide a notarized statement of family situation resulting in temporary residence. Admission is subject to prior approval.
- 1:3 An annual vote, by the Swansea School Committee, to participate in School Choice may provide additional opportunities for attendance in Swansea Public Schools.

2.0 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Proof of residency is considered to be completion of the **Swansea Public Schools Residency Statement** and **AT LEAST** one piece of evidence from **EACH** of the following three columns: A, B and C.

Column A Evidence of Residency	Column B Evidence of Occupancy	Column C Evidence of Identification
Record of recent mortgage payment	Recent bill dated within the past 60 days showing name and Swansea address: Gas Electric Excise tax Cable Home Phone Car Insurance Health Insurance Statement	Valid Driver's License of all custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom the child resides
Property tax bill with parent/guardian name		Valid MA Photo ID Card of all custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom the child resides
Copy of Signed Lease Agreement with parent(s)/guardian(s) name(s)		Valid Passport of all custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom the child resides
Notarized Landlord Agreement		

Mandatory:

Student actually sleeps and eats meals at the identified Swansea address for more than half the calendar week (Sunday – Saturday, 4 nights) or more than half the school week (Monday – Friday, 3 nights), mandatory per M.G.L. ch. 76 sec 5. The School Resource/Truancy Officer will make visits to the residence to confirm student actually sleeping at the home for the required nights.

3.0 RESIDENT STUDENTS

- 3:1 At any time when the Principal has reasonable grounds to believe that a student is not in compliance with residency requirements, he/she may bring the matter to the attention of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee for his/her action.
- 3:2 Students, who are found not to be in compliance with residency requirements, will be denied continued attendance in the Swansea School System by the Superintendent, or his/her designee.
- 3:3 Circumstances involving joint custody will be handled on an individual basis with approval of the Superintendent, or his/her designee.
- 3:4 Individuals who have supplied the school system with false information regarding a student's residence will be liable for tuition payments based on the number of days the student was enrolled in the Swansea School System.

4:0 FUTURE RESIDENTS

- 4:1 Children of future residents who have signed a contract to buy, build, or lease a residence in Swansea, may enroll and attend Swansea Schools at the discretion of the Superintendent, if residency in Swansea will be accomplished within a reasonable period of time not to exceed a marking period.
- 4:2 Upon written request from the parent, legal guardian, or foster parent, a student, who has moved out of the school district after completion of his/her junior year, may be allowed to finish his/her senior year, at the discretion of the Superintendent providing that attendance, behavior and academics remain satisfactory. Continued attendance after the third marking period (*for the remainder of the school year*) shall be discretionary with the Principal for all other grade levels.
- 4:3 Verifications of residency and investigations concerning domicile and other matters covered by the regulation shall be the responsibility of the school administration.