

NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL CHOICE

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

1. That by May 1 of every school year, the administration will determine the number of spaces in each school available to choice students.
2. 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.
3. With respect to the selection of non-resident students:
 - That preference will be given to siblings of admitted students if an opening exists in that grade level. If there are more eligible siblings than open slots, a lottery for the siblings will be held.
 - 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.
 - There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place during the month of June of the current school year. The second will be conducted during the week immediately preceding the opening of the next school year and will be based on the possibility of unexpected additional openings.
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, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, active military/veteran status, marital status, familial status, pregnancy, or pregnancy-related condition, homelessness, ancestry, ethnic background, national origin, or any other category protected by state or federal law, academic performance or proficiency in the English language.

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

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Acts of 2022. Chapter 117 (*race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, hair length and protective hairstyles.)

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