

# Milton Town School District

## Policy

### F13: ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

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Any legal pupil (as defined in 16 V.S.A. §1073) who is a resident (as defined in 16 V.S.A. §1075) shall be eligible to attend school in this District.

#### Entrance Age

The standard age of admission to kindergarten will be five years on or before September 1st of a given school year. The standard age of admission to first grade will be six years on or before September 1st of a given school year.

Students who transfer to the Milton Town School District who had been enrolled in a State approved kindergarten or first grade program who would not meet the criteria stated above may be enrolled at the discretion of the Principal. If parents or guardians are dissatisfied with the decision of the Principal, they may appeal the decision to the School Board.

#### Residence Criteria

For purposes of determining residency, the Board will apply the definitions contained in 16 V.S.A. §1075(a). Criteria for proving permanent residency shall include voter registration, automobile registration, employment, postal address, property ownership and other indications of intent to reside permanently within the District. The burden of proving residency or any other basis for entitlement to school enrollment or tuition assistance shall be on the student and/or his or her parent or guardian.

The residency of pupils under the care and custody of a state agency or child placement agency, children of homeless parents, and independent children shall be determined in accord with the requirements of 16 V.S.A. §1075 (c)-(h)

#### Change of Residence

Parents or guardians of students who are residents of the District as of April 30 and who move from the District before the school year ends, may apply to the Superintendent for permission to finish the school year with a tuition waiver. The Superintendent shall consider the student's age, attendance record during the year, progress in school and other relevant factors when considering requests to remain enrolled in school for the remainder of the school year, and shall make recommendations to the Board accordingly.

#### Decisions and Appeals

Decisions regarding student residency or continued enrollment except for state-placed students will be made by the Board. An interested person or taxpayer may appeal a residency decision of the Board to the Commissioner of Education as provided in 16 V.S.A. §1075(b).

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*Legal Reference(s):* 16 V.S.A. §§1073 et seq. (Legal pupil)  
16 V.S.A. §1075 (c)-(h) (State placed students)  
VT State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices, §1250 (Discrimination)  
*Cross Reference:* Tuition Payment (F16)