

RESIDENCY AND TUITION

1. Every child shall have a right to attend the public schools of the town where he/she actually resides. No child shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion or national origin.
2. If a child resides temporarily in a town other than the legal residence of his/her parents/guardians for special purpose of attending school, the said town may recover tuition from the parents/guardians, unless by law such tuition is payable to a town or unless the Mansfield School Department participates in the School Choice Program as developed by the Governor of Massachusetts (1991).
 - a. Tuition payable by the parents/guardians, shall, for the period of attendance, be computed at the regular rate established by the School Committee for nonresident pupils, but in no case exceeding the average expense per pupil in such school for said period.
 - b. The School Committee of the town in which a child is temporarily residing for the special purpose of their attending school may waive all or part of the tuition charges for such child.
 - c. Reimbursement for the tuition of students involved in the School Choice Program will be according to guidelines as approved by the State.
3. Under provision of the law, residents in towns not maintaining vocational programs may be tuitioned to school in other towns with vocational programs.
4. Provision is made for towns and cities to receive pupils and charge tuition: for pupils from outside the State, for children in welfare programs who are placed in schools outside their city or town, and for children in institutions.
5. Any child, with the consent of the School Committee of the town where he/she resides, may attend, at the expense of said town, the public schools of another town, upon such terms as may be fixed by the two committees. The tuition rate shall not exceed the average expense per student for such school for the period the child shall attend.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L., 76:5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 12E, 74:7 and 8, 71:6A