

## **SCHOOL CHOICE**

It is the policy of the Mansfield Public Schools **not** to admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Inter-district School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12B.)

The School Committee must reaffirm this decision annually, by a vote prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> and following a public hearing.

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LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:6; 71:6A; 76:6; 76:12; 76:12B  
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**Note: In the event the Committee votes to participate in School Choice, the following local conditions would apply:**

- By May 1 of every school year, the administration will determine the number of spaces that may be available in each school.
- By June 1 of every school year, a public hearing will be held to review participation in the school choice program.
- Resident students will be given priority placement in any classes or programs within the district.
- When the number of requests from non-resident students exceeds the number of available spaces, the administration will select non-resident students for admission through a random drawing. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place during the last week of the current school year but no later than July 1. 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.
- 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.
- The School Committee affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance, housing status, or proficiency in the English language.