

## **RESIDENCY**

The schools of Harvard are open to those students who qualify as residents under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in accordance with the prevailing common rule. A pupil who lives within the system permanently, or with no present intention of removal, whether with a guardian, one who stands in loco parentis, or an emancipated minor is entitled to all school privileges as a resident of the system. Students who do not actually reside in the Town of Harvard will be excluded unless the Superintendent or designee, subject to school committee approval, allows attendance due to special circumstances.

The Superintendent may admit students to the Harvard Public Schools upon presentation of clear evidence of primary residency in Harvard. This evidence may be an executed rental agreement, property lease, property deed that clearly demonstrates residency. A Purchase and Sale agreement is not sufficient. If primary residency in the district does not occur, even after such evidence is presented, the admittance will be revoked.

In special cases, the Superintendent, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the School may allow attendance of those students for their senior year of high school who have been previously a student in The Bromfield School, based on actual residency, since 9th grade.

The Superintendent, upon request, may also allow students to finish a school year even though a change of residence has taken place after April 1st. Such a request will require the approval of the Principal where the child attends school.

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