

POLICY GOVERNING STUDENT RESIDENCY

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for parents regarding which Marshfield school their child(ren) will attend.

A Marshfield resident eligible for school admission will be enrolled in the public school assigned by the Marshfield School Committee.

For purposes of this policy the phrase "actual residence" or "actually resides" is to be defined as the physical location of the house where the pupil lives with the intent to remain.

Pupils who become homeless are entitled to attend the Marshfield Public Schools without charge.

1. Persons who reside outside of the corporate limits of the Town of Marshfield are classified as non-residents and may not be enrolled in the Marshfield Public Schools except as authorized here under
 - A. Non-residents participating in a foreign exchange program approved by the School Committee.
 - B. Non-residents who enroll in evening and summer school programs on a tuition basis under procedures approved by the School Committee.
 - C. Any pupil who is legally enrolled in the Marshfield Public Schools (grades pre-K -11) and who changes his/her residence to a place outside of the geographical limits of the Town of Marshfield after April vacation of any school year may complete the school year in the school which he/she has been attending without the payment of tuition. In such cases, the Marshfield Public Schools is under no obligation to provide such pupils with transportation to or from school.
 - D. Any pupil legally enrolled in the Marshfield Public Schools who is completing his senior year (grade 12) at Marshfield High School and who changes his/her residence outside of the geographical limits of the Town of Marshfield at any time during that year may complete the year without payment of tuition. In such Student Residency Policy cases, the Marshfield Public Schools is under no obligation to provide such pupils with transportation to or from school.
 - E. Pupils whose parents or legal guardians have purchased a home or have signed a rental agreement in the Town of Marshfield with the intention of establishing residence during the school year (and who have not yet located in the town) may be enrolled in the Marshfield Public Schools for a period of up to three months before assuming actual residence in Marshfield. The Superintendent shall decide any exceptions and/or doubtful questions arising hereunder. In such cases, no claim for transportation shall be made against the Marshfield Public Schools prior to establishment of domicile at the aforementioned residence.

2. The residence of a pupil shall normally be considered to be that of his/her custodial parent(s), legal guardians) or of the pupil if of majority age. If there are neither parent(s) nor guardian(s) the actual dwelling place of the pupil shall constitute his/her residence. A pupil who has an actual residence other than that of his/her custodial parents) or legal guardians shall be granted legal residence if it is established that he/she is an actual resident with the intent to remain in the Town of Marshfield. Residence facts shall be established by sworn affidavit by the custodial parent(s) or of the legal guardian(s). Should the pupil be an adult with whom he/she resides shall also submit a sworn affidavit that the pupil resides with him/her, intends to remain in the residence indefinitely, and is not in the Town school. The Superintendent shall decide any doubtful questions arising hereunder.

For purposes of the student record regulations, contact regarding the pupil(s) progress or discipline will remain with the custodial parent or legal guardian.

3. The School Committee reserves the right to assess tuition charges against the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) or pupil of majority age if it is determined or evidence exists thereof that pupil has taken up residence in Marshfield for the special purpose of attending the Marshfield Public Schools.

PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE DETERMINATION OF STUDENT RESIDENCY

Where a question exists regarding residence, building principals will refer persons to the Superintendent's office where the appropriate forms may be obtained. Such persons shall complete and submit the proper forms) to the Superintendent's office. Thereafter, copies will be distributed to the appropriate personnel.

1. A pupil who has an actual residence other than that of his custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s) maybe enrolled in the Marshfield Public Schools upon submission of residence facts as established by sworn affidavit of the custodial parent(s) or of the legal guardian(s), and the Marshfield resident with whom s/he Student Residency Policy, resides. The Superintendent shall decide any doubtful questions arising hereunder. Pupils of majority age must complete the appropriate form and furnish evidence of date of birth.
2. Pupils whose parents have purchased/leased/rented a home in the Town of Marshfield with the intention of establishing and subsequent actual establishment of residence during the school year (but who have not located in the town) within a period of three (3) months shall be enrolled in the Marshfield Public Schools upon submission of residence facts established by sworn affidavit.
3. In cases of question regarding the actual residence of a pupil (where residence within the Town is in doubt), the custodial parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall submit residence facts established by sworn affidavit of the legal parent(s)/guardian(s), and where appropriate, the Marshfield resident with whom s/he resides.