

## **Admission of Resident Students**

### Rationale:

The Board of Directors of M.S.A.D. #3 recognizes their responsibility to provide educational opportunity to school age children whose parents or guardians reside legally within the boundaries of the district. As well, the Board recognizes that non-resident student may be accepted under such conditions as are established by law and other Board policy.

### Policy Statement:

Consistent with Maine Department of Education Information Letter No. 026, issued December 22, 1992, power of attorney will not longer be recognized by M.S.A.D. #3 as sufficient to establish guardianship for purpose of student eligibility for attendance in schools of this unit.

M.S.A.D. #3 shall admit students those of legal school age whose parents or guardians legally reside within the district. Adequate proof of residency shall be required. The Board reserves the right to verify residency through appropriate means for any enrolled student or family applying for enrollment.

“Residence” shall be considered the place where important family activities take place – the place where the family eats, sleeps, relaxes and plays. It is a place, which can be properly identified as “home”. Ownership of property and payment of taxes in a community shall not be itself establish residence. For purposes of student eligibility for school attendance, “residence” shall mean where the parent maintains a home.

Guardianship shall be substantiated through provision to the superintendent of a copy of a court order or probated will appointing the resident as guardian of the student. As of the beginning of the 1993/94 school year, no student shall be accepted for enrollment or allowed to continue enrollment on the basis of guardianship established by a power of attorney.

Resident students entering school for the first time shall be admitted upon presentation of an original birth certificate, along with a record of required inoculations and pertinent health records. Photocopies of these documents shall be made and retained as part of the student’s permanent record.

New resident students transferring into the system shall be admitted on the basis of age, health and academic records received from the previous school. Original documentation may be required if deemed necessary to appropriately determine a student’s eligibility for enrollment and assignment.

Cross Reference: JFAB Non-Resident Students

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