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Intra-District Elementary School Choice

Policy

The Missisquoi Valley School District (MVSD) places students in the District's elementary schools based on a student's town of residence.

To accommodate occasions when a student might benefit from placement in a school outside a K-6th grade student's town of residence, it is the policy of the Missisquoi Valley School district to offer students an opportunity for application to enroll in a school of their choice within the District. Processes for intra-district choice of school will be guided by the needs of students, space availability, and existing resources.

The Superintendent of Schools will develop procedures consistent with the following guidelines:

- Requests to attend a school in another town within the MVSD will be granted based on space availability, needs of students and existing resources.
- Regardless of residence, every family will have the opportunity to request a transfer of enrollment to any grade level appropriate school operated by the District (Franklin, Highgate or Swanton).
- Transportation to K-6th grade elementary schools where provided is available to students attending school within one's town of residence. For students choosing to attend school in a neighboring town, transportation is not provided by the MVSD, unless the student can access an existing bus stop and there is room on the bus.
- Siblings entering school will be given priority in the school choice process
- Once accepted students do not need to reapply for continued enrollment in their school of choice. Students may remain until transitioning to grade 7.
- School Choice does not apply to students who are not residents of the Missisquoi Valley School District (Franklin, Highgate or Swanton).

- This policy does not apply to Preschool aged students.
- If a student's family moves to another town in the school district, they shall have the option of transferring to their new school of residence, or staying at their school of origin for the remainder of that school year. To remain beyond the end of the school year, the family must follow the school choice application process. The section of this policy regarding transportation of resident pupils shall apply.
- School Choice Procedures will be updated and available on school websites by March 1st annually.

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