



**Seekonk Public Schools**  
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### *Welcome to Seekonk Public Schools!*

*Seekonk Public Schools serve as a model for educational innovation as a result of using best practice instructional strategies, an integrated K-12 curriculum, and a variety of assessments in a technologically rich environment. Students are able to access multiple pathways which encourage and prepare them to think critically and use creative problem solving. We are a community united in the belief that it is our fiscal and moral responsibility to provide outstanding educational opportunities and facilities for all of our students. Our graduates are able to set goals, make responsible choices, and appreciate diversity in order to live their lives with a sense of purpose and face the challenges of the future.*

*The following packet of documentation contains all forms necessary to establish residency as part of the registration process to enroll your child(ren) in the Seekonk School Department.*

*Sincerely,*

*Arlene F. Bosco, MA, C.A.G.S.*

*Superintendent of Schools*

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT SEEKING ENROLLMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the Parent/Guardian/Foster parent/Adult (Seekonk Resident) seeking to enroll the student of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that the attached information is accurate and so state under the pains and penalties of perjury. I also certify that I will notify the principal as soon as there is any change in address.

**Furthermore, I understand that if the above-named student is not a Seekonk resident as defined by the law, then M.G.L. c. 76 §5 allows the School Committee to obtain the full cost of the above-named student's education from me.**

Lastly, I understand that if this packet is deemed "incomplete" in any way by the Seekonk Public Schools, the above-named student will not be granted enrollment until such time as it is determined to be complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian/Foster Parent/Adult (Seekonk Resident)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PARENT/GUARDIAN CHECKLIST FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**PROOF OF THE CHILD'S AGE AND LEGAL NAME**

- Original birth certificate (\*the original birth certificate will not be retained by Seekonk Public Schools)
- Valid driver's license showing a Seekonk, MA home address
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Visa (if not a U.S. citizen)

**PROOF THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT LIVES IN SEEKONK, MA**

***At least one document from this category:***

- A copy of a current lease signed by lessor and lessee or tenant and landlord to show that the parent/guardian resides in Seekonk, MA; or
- A copy of a mortgage agreement/property tax bill showing that the parent/guardian owns a home and resides in Seekonk, MA; or
- A sworn affidavit from the owner or lessee of the residence to show that a family and student reside in Seekonk, MA AND record of most recent payment (Form F Residency Affidavit – Landlord/Shared Tenancies. This form is only valid for six (6) months and must be refiled within five (5) days of expiration or the student shall be withdrawn from Seekonk Public Schools). A current copy of the resident's mortgage or lease must be included with this registration form. A copy will be forwarded to Seekonk's Administrative Office for monitoring and follow-up
- Copy of HUD lease or other housing lease AND record of most recent rental payment

**At least one document from this category – Utility bill or work order dated within the past sixty (60) days showing the Seekonk address, including:**

- Gas bill
- Oil bill
- Electric bill
- Home telephone bill (not a cell phone bill)
- Cable bill
- Water bill

**At least one document from this category:**

- Valid driver's license showing a Seekonk, MA home address
- Current vehicle registration showing a Seekonk, MA home address
- Valid Massachusetts Photo identification card
- Valid passport

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:**

- Student registration form
- Completed immunization record
- Home Language Survey
- Official school records from another school system or country, if applicable and available
- Medical information that includes immunization records as well as a physical examination done within the twelve (12) months prior to starting school and Tuberculosis screening if applicable (please refer to MA School Health Record Form)
- Signed Release of Records – if applicable

Please be advised that if any questions arise as to whether or not the prospective student is residing in the Town of Seekonk and has the intention of remaining, or if questions arise after enrollment, an appropriate investigation will be conducted. Therefore, if the student is not living in the Town of Seekonk, please do not attempt to enroll him/her. Further, please be aware that M.G.L. c. 76 § allows the School Committee to obtain the full cost of any student's education from any adult who enrolled the student in Seekonk Public schools, knowing that the student was not a resident.

If you are not the biological or adoptive parent, then you must submit a copy of the guardianship decree, if applicable, evidence from DCF naming you as the foster parent, and a copy of the student's/parent's/guardian's visa of the United States and living in the United States on a visa.

Any parent/guardian wishing to volunteer in a school or participate in a field trip must complete a CORI form.



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### **SEEKONK PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESIDENCY POLICY**

The Seekonk School Committee has adopted the following policy regarding the residency and enrollment of students. This policy has been adopted to ensure that only families who actually reside in the Town of Seekonk have full access to educational opportunities. Furthermore, the Seekonk School District requires stringent proof of residency in order to maintain compliance with this policy.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 76 §5, all children of school age who actually reside in the Town of Seekonk are entitled to attend the Seekonk Public Schools. In addition, children who do not actually reside in the Town of Seekonk may enroll in the Seekonk Public Schools, if the School Committee adopts School Choice or another school district tuitions the student into the Seekonk Public Schools through an agreement between the Superintendent of the Seekonk Public Schools and the superintendent of the other city or town.

When a student enrolls in the Seekonk Public Schools, the parent/guardian or the student him/herself must provide documentation, acceptable to the administration, which establishes the residency of the student. The Seekonk Public Schools may conduct an investigation into the residency of any student, either upon enrollment or thereafter, if any question about the student's residency arises.

In order to attend Seekonk Public Schools, a student must actually reside in the Town of Seekonk, unless one of the exceptions below applies. The residence of a minor child is ordinarily presumed to be the legal residence of the child's parent or legal guardian having physical custody of the child. A student's actual residence is considered to be the place where he or she lives permanently. In determining residency, Seekonk Public Schools retains the right to require verifiable documentation and to investigate where a student actually resides. (Legal Reference: M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 5). Moreover, staff has been advised to maintain compliance with regard to the district's residency policy, which includes the completion of all required forms. No substitutes will be permitted and registration will not be allowed without the required documents.

The principal at each school will verify the telephone number and home address of all students at least annually. Verification of residency, including updated documentation, will be required when students enter the Seekonk School District, move from kindergarten to grade 1, move from grade 5 to grade 6, move from grade 8 to grade 9, or move to or re-enter Seekonk Public Schools from an out-of-district program or vocational/agricultural high school. If there is any change in residency status, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to notify the building principal in the school where their child is enrolled within five (5) business days of the change of address. Seekonk Public Schools reserves the right to request additional documents and/or to conduct an investigation; therefore, the district may enlist the services of a Residency Officer/Investigator to verify a family's residency. If, in fact, a determination is made that the student does not actually reside in the Town of Seekonk, the student's enrollment will be terminated immediately (Legal Reference: M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 5). Immediate termination of enrollment will also apply for students currently enrolled who do not reside in the Town of Seekonk. A parent, legal guardian, or student who has reached the age of majority (18), may appeal this determination of ineligibility for enrollment to the Superintendent of Schools, whose decision shall be final.

**The district reserves the right to request documentation at times other than those specified.**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71 §37L, the parent/guardian or the student him/herself are required to bring a copy of the student's complete school record from previous school districts. The student cannot be enrolled until the complete school record is received. The administration will assist the parent/guardian or the student in obtaining a complete school record.

**Exceptions**

The Residency Requirements shall be waived under the following conditions:

- Students who fall under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. If a family qualifies under this act, a letter validating residency at the shelter may be required as confirmation that the family is living at the shelter.
- Students who are currently and legitimately enrolled in Seekonk Public Schools who move out on or after February 1st of a given school year, or
- Students who are currently and legitimately enrolled in Seekonk Public Schools in grade 8 or high school seniors who move out after the end of the first quarter of a given school year. These students may complete the current school year provided they have made the Superintendent of Schools aware of the move in writing within five (5) business days of such move.
- Students whose parents divorce or separate and share physical custody, provided one custodial parent remains a resident of the Town of Seekonk and the student resides at least 50% of the time with the parent who resides in the Town of Seekonk. (\*Legal documentation must be provided to school office.)

**Verification of Residency**

Before any student is enrolled in Seekonk Public Schools, a number of documents must be provided (see *Form B – Documentation Required for School Registration*):

- If the family is currently living with a family member or a friend, a Landlord Affidavit must be completed.
- No child will be denied access to Seekonk Public Schools because of immigration status.
- All documents used to verify residency will become part of the student’s record whereby confidentiality will be protected under The Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA).

**Potential Waiver When Residency is in Transition**

For students whose residency is in transition, the following exceptions to the general policy may apply, with prior written approval from the Superintendent of Schools:

**Pending Purchase of Dwelling:** The children of families who have signed and accepted Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase and reside in a dwelling in the Town of Seekonk may be enrolled up to 30 calendar days in advance of the time actual physical residence occurs. If actual residence occurs later than 30 days after enrollment, students may be asked to leave the Seekonk Public Schools until actual residence occurs.

**Construction of New Dwelling:** Children of families who are building a primary residence in the Town of Seekonk may enroll in the Schools at the beginning of the school year if they have obtained a certificate of occupancy from the Town.

**Notification**

The residency policy of Seekonk Public Schools will be published in the district’s School Committee Policy Manual, school handbooks, and on the district website. At the time of enrollment, parent(s)/guardian(s) will endorse in writing that they have read and agree to the district policy. If there is any suspicion of residency violations, concerns may be reported by calling 1-508-399-5106.

A determination of any violation of the residency policy via falsification or misrepresentation of information may result in immediate termination of enrollment as well as the enforcement of certain penalties (e.g., reimbursement for educational costs for the time the student did not actually reside in the Town of Seekonk).

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Signature of Parent/Guardian/Foster Parent/Adult (Seekonk Resident)

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Date





- Participate in all disciplinary meetings and hearings in my place, if such meetings and/or hearings are necessary
- Receive and act on all notices typically sent from the school system to a parent and/or guardian
- Consent to testing, assessments, valuation, the delivery of services, whether regular, education, special education and/or related services
- Consent to emergency medical treatment during the school day
- Consent to have certain named individuals pick up or drop off my child at school
- Consent to participate in field trips and any other school-related functions

I understand and agree that this form will remain in effect so long as I have not revoked it in writing and such revocation is received by the building principal. Attached to this form is a copy of a legal document verifying that I am the parent of the above-named child. Signed and sworn under the pains and penalties of perjury.

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Signature

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Date



