

Admission and Transfer

Students entering the Belmont Public Schools kindergarten shall be five years old on or before September 1 of the year entering school. Students entering Grade 1 shall be six years old on or before September 1 of the year entering school. Satisfactory evidence of date of birth shall be required before a student is enrolled in the Belmont Public Schools.

Enrollment of students experiencing homelessness shall not be delayed or denied due to the lack of any documents normally required for enrollment. Emergency contact information may be required from parents/guardians prior to enrollment of homeless students. The designated Belmont Public Schools Homeless Liaison shall ensure that students experiencing homelessness are identified, enrolled, have equal opportunity to educational success including transportation and are referred to other appropriate educational and health resources.

The Belmont Public Schools may admit foreign students who are residing temporarily in Belmont with their parents/guardians on the same basis as all other Belmont residents. Other foreign students may be admitted according to procedures developed by the Superintendent. Foreign exchange students participating in a recognized Belmont Public Schools exchange program may attend classes as visitors.

Students age seven or older who are transferring from other schools or from a period of homeschooling shall be placed in age appropriate classrooms unless a determination is made by the principal, in consultation with parents, that a different placement is appropriate.

Students who are homeschooled through high school do not receive a Belmont High School diploma.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

M.G.L. 15:1G

69:1B

603 CMR 8.02

42 USC 11431 et seq.: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act