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LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Lincoln, Massachusetts

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The residency requirements described above shall not apply to the following:

1. students who are entitled to attend the Lincoln Public Schools under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
2. students who are entitled to attend the Lincoln Public Schools due to their eligibility as students in foster care; (see JFABF);
3. children of non-resident employees of the Lincoln Public Schools who meet the criteria established by School Committee Policy JFAB;
4. students whose parents divorce and share physical custody, provided one parent remains a resident of Lincoln and the student resides 50 percent or more of the time with the parent who resides in Lincoln; or
5. METCO students from Boston who meet the criteria outlined by School Committee Policy JFABC, Inter-district Students (Enrollment of METCO Students).

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Legal Reference: Ch. 15, § 1G; Ch. 76 §§ 1 & 15, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2002

Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA), 2015

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Cross Reference: JEB (Entrance Age), JFAA (Admission of Resident Students), JFAB (Admission of Non-Resident Students), JFABC (Admission of Inter-district Students (Enrollment of METCO Students))

JFABF (Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care)

JFABD (Homeless Students: Enrollement Rights and Services)

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