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### **ENTRANCE AGE**

Children must have reached the age of five (5) before October 1 to enter Kindergarten in the September of the same year; children must have reached the age of six (6) before October 1 to enter first grade in the September of the same year.

Children transferring from another school who do not meet the entrance age requirements for Grade 1 but who have attended a kindergarten program in a public school or accredited private school may be admitted to the Lincoln first grade with the permission of the Principal.

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## **ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**

### Children of Employees

The Lincoln Public Schools provide a quality education to all of its students. It is a sign of confidence and support for our programs if non-resident employees of the Schools and the Town wish to enroll their children in our schools. The Lincoln School Committee wishes to show its appreciation of such employees by extending enrollment to their children on a space available basis. In addition, the Committee wishes to extend such privileges on a reciprocal basis to employees of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. This policy is also governed by MGL , c 76, § 12.

Therefore, dependent children of employees of: 1) the Lincoln Public Schools, 2) the Town of Lincoln, and 3) Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, may attend the Lincoln School or the tuition based Preschool on the Lincoln Campus upon approval of the Lincoln School Committee based on the following guidelines:

### Eligibility Requirements

For the purposes of this policy, eligible “employees” are full-time or regularly scheduled part-time employees working 25 (twenty-five) or more hours per week.

- A. A student whose parent leaves the employ of his/her qualified employer will no longer be eligible to be educated in the Lincoln School or Preschool. If the parent leaves the employ before March 15, the student must transfer out of district. If the parent leaves the employ after March 15, the students may continue to attend the Lincoln School or Preschool for the remainder of the school year.
- B. Eligibility is dependent upon the ability of the Lincoln Public Schools to meet the educational needs of the child(ren) within the normal academic program and student support services.

### Criteria for Enrollment

In consideration of both cost and space constraints, the School Committee reserves the right to limit the total number of employees’ children to ensure the quality of education delivered to all the District’s students.

Space availability will be determined by the actual enrollment in any grade or program at the time an employee requests to enroll their child in the Lincoln School or Preschool. The number of seats available will be established by the School Committee’s Class-size Policy.

- A. Eligible dependents that, by their enrollment, would cause a given grade to exceed its target class size will be denied admission unless recommended by the Superintendent and approved by vote of the School Committee.
- B. First priority will be given to children of the members of the Lincoln Teachers Association. Remaining seats will be allocated to the children of employees of the

Lincoln Public Schools, employees of the Town of Lincoln, and employees of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. If such requests exceed the number of available seats the remaining seats will be allotted based on a lottery of all eligible families in a given grade level.

- C. Once admitted, enrollment in the Lincoln School or Preschool will continue so long as the employee continues to meet all Eligibility Requirements and Criteria for Enrollment; however, if a student leaves the district, he/she will be subject to re-admission on the same basis as all other new applicants.

#### Enrollment Procedure

- A. Non-resident employees desiring to enroll a child(ren) in the Lincoln School or Preschool will submit a written request to the Superintendent of Schools. Requests for admission should be made by April 1 of the school year preceding the September in which enrollment is desired. The Superintendent may waive this date under extenuating circumstances.
- B. Based on the Criteria for Enrollment the Superintendent will recommend to the School Committee admission of eligible children.
- C. The School Committee will communicate its decision regarding enrollment by June 30, except under extenuating circumstances.
- D. The non-resident employee will be responsible for the transportation of his/her child(ren) to and from School.

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