

MAXIMUM AGE FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION AND ATTENDANCE

The Lynn Public Schools does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed/religion, sex, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, marital status, homelessness, special need, proficiency in the English language, academic achievement or any other unlawful consideration in making admission, readmission, or attendance decisions.

Maximum Admission Age

All persons admitted or readmitted to the Lynn Public Schools shall be under twenty years of age as of the day of admission, unless otherwise eligible for admission or readmission on the basis of applicable Special Education criteria or upon approval by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall report to the School Committee once every six months or thereabouts how many persons who have attained the age of twenty years requested admission or readmission in the preceding six months and of those students, how many were approved by the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall base approval, in large measure, on the whether the student is reasonably able to attain a diploma by the end of the current or next school year and the advisory recommendation of the Principal of the school that may receive the student.

Regardless of age, no person may be admitted or readmitted to the Lynn Public Schools who has:

- Graduated from the twelfth grade of any public or private school in the United States;
- Earned a GED, HiSET, or similar alternative to graduation; or
- Completed a reasonably equivalent secondary curriculum inside or outside of the United States, as based upon any documentation provided by the applicant to the Welcome Center. Such documentation may include written transcripts from the other country, information about the other country's educational system, whether printed or verbally through interview, and any other relevant information or documentation.

Such persons shall be denied admission to the Lynn Public Schools and/or diverted to an appropriate alternative program, as explained further below.

Should any person be denied admission and/or diverted on the basis of having completed a reasonably equivalent secondary curriculum inside or outside of the United States, they may request review and a determination shall be made by the Superintendent in consultation with the Director of the Welcome Center and/or any other applicable District staff.

Maximum Attendance Age

Unless admitted or readmitted to the Lynn Public Schools upon approval by the Superintendent as described above, no person may attend the Lynn Public Schools if they attain the age of twenty years on or before August 31st, effective for the following school year. (To illustrate, a person who turns twenty on January 1, 2022, may complete the 2021-2022 school year. Such person may not, however, continue

to attend the Lynn Public Schools as of September 2022, or such earlier start of the 2022-2023 school year, except as provided below.)

The provision above shall not apply if the student is otherwise eligible to attend on the basis of applicable Special Education criteria. Additional exceptions may be made for continued attendance for regular education students if approved by the Superintendent, on a case by case basis. The Superintendent shall base approval, in large measure, on the whether the student is reasonably able to attain a diploma by the end of the current or next school year and the recommendation of the Principal.

Ineligibility for Admission or Attendance

The Lynn Public Schools Welcome Center may assist any person who is denied admission, readmission, or attendance based upon age or prior educational attainment. Assistance may include suggestions for educational options that best meet the person's needs and educational goals. Such options may include educational opportunities through alternative programs within the Lynn Public Schools, if appropriate, and space permitting. Such options may also include opportunities through agencies affiliated or unaffiliated with the Lynn Public Schools, whether public or private, for profit or non-profit, and within or outside of the Greater Lynn area.

***Adopted by the Lynn School Committee
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