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NEW BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY for CHAPTER 74 VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

I. INTRODUCTION

An admission process is necessary for vocational technical programs in which there are more applicants than openings. A process is necessary to determine which applicants may most benefit from such educational opportunities. All applicants to the vocational technical education programs for grades nine through twelve at New Bedford High School will be evaluated using the selection criteria contained in this Admission Policy.

II. EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

New Bedford High School admits students and makes available to them its advantages, privileges and courses of study without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

If there is a student with limited English proficiency, a qualified staff member from New Bedford High School will assist the applicant in completing the necessary forms and assist in interpreting during the entire application and admission process upon the request of the applicant.

Disabled students may voluntarily self-identify for the purpose of requesting reasonable accommodations during the entire application and admission process.

Information on limited English proficiency and/or disability submitted voluntarily by the applicant, for the purpose of receiving assistance and accommodations during the entire application and admission process, will not affect the applicant's admission to the vocational technical education program.

III. ELIGIBILITY

Any ninth, tenth or eleventh grade student who is a student in New Bedford High School is eligible to apply for fall admission or admission during the school year subject to the availability of openings to the vocational technical education programs.

Resident students will be evaluated using the selection criteria contained in this Admission Policy. Priority for admission is given to New Bedford School District residents. Students who are not residents of the New Bedford School District are eligible to apply for fall admission or admission during the school year provided they expect to be promoted to the grade they seek to enter by their current school. Nonresident students will be evaluated using the selection criteria contained in this Admission Policy.



Transfer students from vocational technical schools are eligible to apply for fall admission or admission during the school year to the vocational technical education programs grades 9-12 at New Bedford provided they expect to be promoted to the grade they seek to enter by their current school. Transfer students will be evaluated using the selection criteria contained in this Admission Policy.

Homeschool applicants may apply to attend New Bedford High School's program full-time and will be subject to the same admissions standards as other applicants.

V. RECRUITMENT PROCESS

1. The New Bedford High School Manager of Career Vocational Technical Education disseminates information about the programs through a variety of methods.
 - a. Visitations with an informational slide presentation to 8th grade classes in local schools from October to January are scheduled.
 - b. An Open House during the fall is scheduled. Prospective students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) have an opportunity to visit all vocational technical programs and speak with teachers as well as view a presentation about all offerings.
 - c. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may schedule individual visits at a mutually convenient time.
 - d. Brochures, which describe vocational technical programs including academic courses, cooperative education, and special education resources, are distributed during the 8th grade visitations and the Open House.

VI. APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION PROCESS - FOR FALL ADMISSION* TO THE NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH GRADE PROGRAMS

All students will have the opportunity to enroll in Chapter 74 programs at New Bedford High School. Students will select the appropriate grade level course of study as they would any elective offering. The process is as follows:

- All students will have the opportunity to enroll in our Chapter 74 programs (Radio and Television Broadcasting and Business Technology) as they would any NBHS elective offering
- Students will submit a course selection sheet to their house office beginning on March 1st. The course selection sheet will be time stamped by the house office secretary.
- The first 20 students in each grade who submit an application will be considered admitted.
- Any student who submits a course selection sheet after the 20th will be placed on a waitlist.
- Waitlisted students will be admitted only if any of the first 20 students choose not to enroll. In this instance, the appropriate housemaster will refer to the timestamp on the course selection sheet to determine which student will be admitted from the waitlist.

TRANSFER STUDENTS



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Applications from students who are enrolled in a state-approved (Chapter 74) vocational technical high school program in another school (transfer students) will be considered for admission (including admission during the school year) if they relocate from their current school and wish to pursue the same program of study at New Bedford High School. All transfer applicants must attend an informational meeting. If the applicant or parent/guardian cannot provide transportation, an official from New Bedford High School will go to the local school to meet with the applicant. Transfer students will then follow the application process described above.

WITHDRAWN STUDENTS

Students who withdraw from New Bedford High School vocational technical education programs may reapply for admission to New Bedford's vocational technical education programs following the procedures contained in this admission policy and will be evaluated using the selection criteria contained in this Admission Policy.

MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

New Bedford High School maintains records of all students who apply, enroll, or are waitlisted to facilitate analysis of its admissions system and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. New Bedford High School will provide this information to the Department upon request.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

New Bedford High School is a high school located in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools is:

Thomas Anderson

[NBPS #TLC video](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lamuWqYsfGk>

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It is the responsibility of New Bedford Public Schools Superintendent to supervise the administration of the policies and procedures used to admit and enroll students, consistent with all applicable laws, regulations, and guidance.



The New Bedford Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, ancestry, homelessness, gender identity, gender expression or immigration status.

