

School Choice

The May 16, 2024 School Committee Docket includes a vote on School Choice Non-Participation.

The School Choice Law contained in the Education Reform Act of 1993 presumes that each School Committee will admit non-resident students under the School Choice Program, unless there is a vote to the contrary taken by June 1 of each year, following a hearing on the issue. The School Committee combined the hearing for School Choice with the Public Hearing on the FY 2025 Budget, held on February 1, 2024.

Brookline has not participated in School Choice in the past and has cited the following reasons: the School Choice reimbursement rate is substantially lower than the cost of educating one of the district's students, and the district has no excess capacity in its buildings.

Here is a link to additional information on School Choice:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/schoolchoice/>