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## MAKING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CHARTER SCHOOL

### ADMISSIONS POLICY

### JFAA- STUDENT ADMISSION

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Making Community Connections Charter School (MC<sup>2</sup>) is a tuition-free, public charter school, enrolling students from any community in New Hampshire. However, to be considered for student enrollment, a completed application must be on file with the MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School Office by the annual posted deadline for new applications. There are no “walk-in” registrations permitted. If enrollment is not filled, applications will be accepted on a first come basis for the following quarter.

Once a New Hampshire resident is admitted to MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School, he/she is guaranteed enrollment for all subsequent school years, unless the student voluntarily withdraws or ages out of the school.

All New Hampshire students who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply.

- 1) The student has completed grade 5 and not completed grade 11 at the time of matriculation, and the appropriate program is available in the location of MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School being applied to.
- 2) Following school visits and admissions interview, the School Leader, student and his/her parent or legal guardian agree that the student is likely to benefit from the MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School program.
- 3) The student and his/her parent or legal guardian are willing to abide by the policies and expectations of the MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School and to work collaboratively within the school community toward achieving the mission of the MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School.
- 4) Students who have withdrawn from MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School and apply for re-admission may be admitted after evaluation of their adherence to academic and behavioral expectations during their MC<sup>2</sup> experience, and commitment to those expectations going forward.

New Hampshire statutes prohibit more than 10% of the resident pupils in any grade in a (non-charter) public school district to be eligible to transfer to a charter school without the approval of the local school board in the town where the child resides. The school district of residence of a student is defined by RSA 193:12, II.

In addition, children entering school for the first time must have proof of physical examination, immunization records, a copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of residency satisfactory to the Chief Education Officer (CEO) or his/her designee. The CEO or a faculty member will meet with new children and parents to explain school programs and guidelines.

If the number of completed New Hampshire applications submitted in any given year exceeds the capacity of the school, eligible applicants will be randomly selected through a lottery. The capacity of the school will be determined by the CEO, after considering the ages of the current population of enrolled students, sibling applicants, and transfers between campuses, the optimum range of multi-age students within a class and the maximum student-teacher ratios permitted under the school's charter. In any given year, if there are fewer applicants than spaces available, MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School will not conduct a lottery.

Specific procedures regarding the application package requirements, due dates, lottery guidelines and waitlist information will be established by the CEO and posted annually on the school's website.

MC<sup>2</sup> Charter School will not discriminate nor violate individual civil rights in any manner prohibited by law.

**Legal References:**

RSA 186-C, Definition of Disabilities

RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent, Compulsory Attendance by Pupil

RSA 193:12,II, Legal Residence Required

RSA 194:B-3-a, Chartered Public School Law

Non-Discrimination: Making Community Connections Charter School (MC<sup>2</sup>) in accordance with the requirements of federal and state laws, and of the regulations which implement those laws, hereby declares formally that it is the policy of the Board, in its actions and those of its employees, that there shall be no discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, age, or disability for employment in, participation in, admission or access to, or operation and administration of any educational program or activity in the Making Community Connections Charter School. Inquiries, complaints and other communications relative to this policy and to applicable laws and regulations concerned with non-discrimination shall be received by the Chief Education Officer who is responsible for compliance issues. This policy of non-discrimination is applicable to all persons employed or served by the District. Any complaints or alleged infractions of the policy, law or applicable regulations shall be processed through the grievance procedure. This policy implements PL 94-192, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VI or VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the laws of New Hampshire pertaining to non-discrimination.

**Revision History:**

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