

ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

This school system shall admit as students those of legal school age whose parents or guardians legally reside within the unit. Adequate proof of residence shall be required. The Board reserves the right to verify residency through appropriate means for any enrolled student or any family applying for enrollment.

"Residence" shall be considered the place where important family activity takes place -- the place where the family eats, sleeps, relaxes, and plays. It is a place which can be called a "home."

Guardianship or parental authority shall be substantiated by a copy of a court order, probated will, except that the superintendent may waive this requirement if he/she determines that it is in the best interest of the child and:

- A. It is undesirable and impractical for that student to reside with the student's parent, or that other extenuating circumstances exist which justify residence in the unit; and
- B. That person is residing in the school administrative unit for other than education purposes.

Resident students entering school for the first time shall be admitted upon presentation of an original birth certificate to the principal, along with a record of required inoculations and pertinent health records. Photocopies shall be made and retained in the student's file.

New resident students who are transferring into the school system shall be admitted and placed on the basis of age, health, and any academic records received from the previous school. However, original documentation may be required if deemed necessary to appropriately determine a student's eligibility for enrollment and assignment.

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