

STUDENTS

ATTENDANCE – Eligibility

Any individual who has not graduated from high school and is a resident of the District is entitled to attend a District school and to receive the instruction necessary to graduate, provided that such individual meets the standard for admission as determined by the Board and/or applicable federal and state statutes, rules and regulations. A student, other than a special education student, who is eighteen (18) years or older and who cannot graduate before such student's twenty-first (21) birthday may only attend an alternative or adult education program.

Residents

Any individual under the age of eighteen (18) years, except as otherwise provided by any law, rule or regulation, is considered a resident of the District if such individual meets one (1) or more of the following criteria:

1. Resides with one (1) or more natural or adoptive parents within the District unless otherwise ordered by court of competent jurisdiction.
2. Resides with a court appointed guardian within the District.
3. Resides in a foster home within the District.
4. Resides in the District with a resident who has assumed legal responsibility for the student.
5. Resides in the District as an emancipated minor.
6. Resides with a resident adult who exercises legal responsibility for the child.

Any individual who is regularly enrolled in the District and whose residence is moved out of the District during the school year may continue to attend school in the District until the end of such school year. Any student's change of residence due to the military service obligation of an individual with legal custody of a student, (with written request from the individual with legal custody), may maintain residency as determined prior to the military obligation.

If at the time of enrollment, a dependent child of military personnel is housed in temporary housing located outside of the District, but will be living within the District within six months after the time of initial enrollment, the child is allowed to enroll, subject to the requirements of State law, and must not be charged tuition.

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Verification of Residency

It is the responsibility of the building administrator (principal, assistant principal, guidance dean, principal's assistant, or administrative assistant) to verify the residence of a student. Post office boxes are not acceptable as proof of residency. In a case where administrators have reason to believe that a student is registered under a false address, the following documents may serve as verification of address:

1. Rent receipt
2. Tax bill
3. Utility bill
4. Affidavit of Residency

Anyone who knowingly enrolls under a false address is subject to prosecution under the law as a Class C Misdemeanor. Any administrator who knowingly enrolls a student under false pretenses is also subject to prosecution under the same Class C Misdemeanor.

Nonresidents^{1*}

Any student not meeting residence requirements must have written authorization from the Director of Student Services before being enrolled and may be accepted for enrollment subject to the payment of tuition except as otherwise provided by law.

Citation: Sec. 10-20.12a of The School Code

^{1*} Cross reference 705.08
Board Policy