

BONA FIDE RESIDENCE

Section I. DEFINITION OF RESIDENCE

Any new student enrolling or entering the school district will be required to verify his/her residence address as a part of the registration process. Students are not legally enrolled until the verification of residence has been completed.

For school attendance purposes, definition of residence is that the student physically resides full time, weekdays/nights, and weekends, at a place of abode located within the limits of the school district. All students shall register at the school they are assigned to attend. The parent or legal guardian shall provide evidence of the residence and the school district administration shall verify bona fide occupancy.

Section II. ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. INITIAL ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTS (New to the District Students)

The following documents must be submitted to the school district, prior to a student's initial enrollment in JPS:

1. Valid Picture Identification
- 2.

The district resident must provide the school with an affidavit stating his/her relationship to the student and that the student will be living at his/her abode full-time and provide documentation fully explaining the reason (other than school attendance zone or district preference) for this arrangement. The Board of Trustees, the district, or its designee shall make the necessary factual determination.

Whenever appropriate, the person who has assumed responsibility for the care and custody of the child shall be encouraged to obtain legal guardianship of the child.

D. Homeless Children

When a child is determined to be homeless as defined by the Stewart B. McKinney – Vento Act, 42 USC Sections 1143(1), 11432(e)(4), and 11302(a), the school district shall consider and take the enrollment action that is in the best interest of the child pursuant to 42 USC 11432(e)(3).

Section III: DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

The requirements as stated in Section II are minimal and the school district reserves the right to require additional documentation and verification at any time. The principal of a school is responsible that only students eligible to attend that school are in fact enrolled and attending.

The school district shall maintain a file, which contains the written instrument identifying the type of documents used to verify each student's residency and copies of any relevant guardianship petition or decree.

Section IV: TRANSFERRED STUDENTS

The provisions of this policy do not apply to students who reside outside the school district, but who have legally transferred into the school district.

Section V: NON-COMPLAINT

Any suspicion of violation of residence requirements will be investigated. Any case which cannot be resolved by the principal will be referred to the superintendent or designee for additional investigation and further action. Students enrolled in a school without proper residence verification and without approved transfer will be withdrawn from the school in which they are illegally enrolled.

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