

Acton-Agua Dulce USD

Administrative Regulation

District Residency

AR 5111.1
Students

Criteria for Residency

A student shall be deemed to have complied with district residency requirements if he/she meets any of the following criteria:

1. The student's parents/guardians reside within district boundaries. (Education Code 48200)

(cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

2. The student is placed within district boundaries in a regularly established licensed children's institution, a licensed foster home or a family home pursuant to a court-ordered commitment or placement. (Education Code 48204)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

3. The student has been admitted through the district's interdistrict attendance program. (Education Code 48204)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

4. The student is an emancipated minor residing within district boundaries. (Education Code 48204)

5. The student lives with a caregiving adult within district boundaries. (Education Code 48204)

6. The student resides in a state hospital located within district boundaries. (Education Code 48204)

7. The student is confined to a hospital or other residential health facility within district boundaries for treatment of a temporary disability. (Education Code 48207)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

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8. The student's parent/guardian resides outside district boundaries but is employed within district boundaries and lives with the student at the place of employment for a minimum of three days during the school week. (Education Code 48204)

9. The student's parent/guardian, while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order, is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state. (Education Code 48204.3)

10. The student's parent/guardian was a resident of California who departed the state against his/her will due to a transfer by a government agency that had custody of the parent/guardian, a lawful order from a court or government agency authorizing his/her removal, or removal or departure pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, and the student lived in California immediately before moving out of state as a result of his/her parent/guardian's departure. (Education Code 48204.4)

District residency is not required for enrollment in a regional occupational center or program if there are openings in the program or class. (Education Code 52317)

Proof of Residency

Prior to admission in district schools, students shall provide proof of residency.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually verify the student's residency and retain a copy of the document or written statement offered as verification in the student's mandatory permanent record. (5 CCR 432)

Upon enrollment of a student residing in the home of a caregiving adult within district boundaries, the caregiving adult shall execute, under penalty of perjury, the affidavit specified in Family Code 6552.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Reasonable evidence of residency may be established by documentation including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. Property tax payment receipts
2. Rent payment receipts
3. Utility service payment receipts

4. Pay stub

5. Voter registration

6. Correspondence from a government agency

47. Declaration of residency executed by the student's parent/guardian

8. If the student is an unaccompanied youth as defined in 42 USC 11434a, a declaration of residency executed by the student

9. If the student is residing in the home of a caregiving adult within district boundaries, an affidavit executed by the caregiving adult in accordance with Family Code 6552

If any district employee reasonably believes that the parent/guardian of a student has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to determine that the student meets legal residency requirements.

The district shall not solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members for the purpose of determining residency within the district. (Education Code 234.7)

A parent/guardian who is transferred or pending transfer into a military installation within the state shall provide proof of residence in the district within 10 days after the published arrival date provided on official documentation. For this purpose, he/she may use as his/her address a temporary on-base billeting facility, a purchased or leased home or apartment, or federal government or public-private venture off-base military housing. (Education Code 48204.3)

A student whose parent/guardian's departure from the state occurred against his/her will pursuant to item #9 in the section "Criteria for Residency" above shall be in compliance with district residency requirements if he/she provides official documentation of the parent/guardian's departure and evidence demonstrating that the student was enrolled in a public school in California immediately before moving outside the state. (Education Code 48204.4)

Safe at Home Program

When a victim of domestic violence or stalking participating in the Safe at Home Program presents an actual residence address to establish residency within district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall not include the actual address in the student's file or any other public record and shall instead use the substitute address designated by the Secretary of State for all future communications and correspondence. (Government Code 6207)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Admission of Residents of Other States or Countries

The Superintendent or designee may, with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools, admit a student living in an adjoining state contiguous with the district, as long as an agreement

has been reached with the governing authority of the district in which the student resides and payment is made in accordance with law. (Education Code 48050)

A student whose actual and legal residence is in a foreign country adjacent to California, regardless of whether or not his/her parents/guardians are citizens of the United States, may be admitted to a district school provided that the student is otherwise eligible for admission to a California district and the student regularly returns within a 24-hour period to the foreign country. As a condition to admittance of such a student, the student's parent/guardian shall agree to pay the district reimbursement of costs in accordance with law. (Education Code 48051, 48052)

(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

Revocation of Enrollment

~~If the Superintendent or designee, upon investigation, determines that a student's enrollment is based on false evidence of residency, he/she shall revoke the student's enrollment. Before any such revocation, the parent/guardian shall be sent written notice of the facts leading to the decision. This notice shall state the parent/guardian's right, within 10 school days, to schedule a meeting with a hearing officer to inspect supporting documents, rebut district evidence, question any district witnesses, and present oral and/or documentary evidence, including witnesses, on the student's behalf. For good cause, the hearing officer may extend the meeting date for an additional 10 days to permit the parent/guardian to obtain required documentation.~~

~~If the parent/guardian fails to schedule the above meeting, the student's enrollment shall be revoked 11 school days after the date of the notice.~~

~~If the above meeting is held, the hearing officer shall prepare a written decision describing his/her findings. If the hearing officer's decision is upheld, the parent/guardian shall be informed of his/her right to appeal to the Board within 10 days.~~

~~A parent/guardian who appeals to the Board shall have the right to have a representative present and to rebut district evidence, question any district witnesses, and present oral and/or documentary evidence, including witnesses, on the student's behalf. Except in cases where good cause is shown, the Board shall not reopen the record to consider evidence or argument which was not presented to the hearing officer. The student may continue to attend school during the period of the appeal. The Board's decision shall be final.~~

Investigation of Residency

When the Superintendent or designee reasonably believes that a student's parent/guardian has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency, he/she may make reasonable efforts to determine that the student meets district residency requirements. An investigation may be initiated when the Superintendent or designee is able to identify specific, articulable facts supporting the belief that the parent/guardian has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency. (Education Code 48204.1, 48204.2)

The Superintendent or designee may assign a trained district employee to conduct the investigation. The investigation may include the examination of records, including public records, and/or interviews of persons who may have knowledge of the student's residency.

If necessary, the Superintendent or designee may employ the services of a private investigator to conduct the investigation. Before hiring a private investigator, the Superintendent or designee shall make other reasonable efforts to determine whether the student resides in the district. (Education Code 48204.2)

The investigation shall not include the surreptitious collection of photographic or videographic images of persons or places subject to the investigation. However, the use of technology is not prohibited if done in open and public view. (Education Code 48204.2)

Any employee or contractor engaged in the investigation shall truthfully identify himself/herself as an investigator to individuals contacted or interviewed during the course of the investigation. (Education Code 48204.2)

Appeal of Enrollment Denial

If the Superintendent or designee, upon investigation, determines that a student does not meet district residency requirements and denies the student's enrollment in the district, he/she shall provide the student's parent/guardian an opportunity to appeal that determination. (Education Code 48204.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall send the student's parent/guardian written notice specifying the basis for the district's determination. This notice shall also inform the parent/guardian that he/she may, within 10 school days, appeal the decision and provide new evidence of residency.

The burden shall be on the parent/guardian to show why the district's determination to deny enrollment should be overruled. (Education Code 48204.2)

A student who is currently enrolled in the district shall be allowed to remain in attendance at his/her school pending the results of the appeal. A student who is not currently enrolled in the district shall not be permitted to attend any district school unless his/her appeal is successful.

In an appeal to the Superintendent of a determination that district residency requirements were not met, the Superintendent shall review any evidence provided by the parent/guardian or obtained during the district's investigation and shall make a decision within 10 school days of receipt of the parent/guardian's request for the appeal. The Superintendent's decision shall be final.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

35351 Assignment of students to particular schools
[46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance](#)
48050-48054 Nonresidents
48200-48208 Persons included (compulsory education law)
48980 Notifications at beginning of term
52317 ROP, admission of persons including nonresidents to attendance area
FAMILY CODE
6550-6552 Caregivers
GOVERNMENT CODE
6205-6210 Confidentiality of addresses for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
432 Varieties of student records
~~UNCODIFIED STATUTES~~
~~AB 687, Ch. 309, Statutes of 1995~~
[UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42](#)
[11434a Unaccompanied youth](#)
COURT DECISIONS
Katz v. Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District, (2004) 117 Cal.App.4th 47

Management Resources:

[CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS](#)
[Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018](#)
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES
0303.95 Verification of residency, LO: 1-95
WEB SITES
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Secretary of State, Safe at Home Program: <http://www.ss.ca.gov/safeathome>

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