

District Residency

The Governing Board desires to admit all students who reside within district boundaries or who fulfill the district residency requirements through other means as allowed by law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to facilitate the receipt and verification of students' proof of residency.

(cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians of all existing attendance options available in the district, including, but not limited to, all options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall require parents/guardians to provide documentation of the student's residency upon admission to a district school. A copy of the document or written statement offered as verification of residency shall be maintained in the student's mandatory permanent record. (5 CCR 432)

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

When establishing a student's residency for enrollment purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall not inquire into a student's citizenship or immigration status.

A student's enrollment may be denied when the submitted documentation is insufficient to establish district residency. In any such case, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian in writing, including specific reasons for the denial.

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 investigation shall not surreptitiously photograph or video-record images of pupils or places being investigated. For purposes of this paragraph, the collection of images is not covert if the recording technology is used in open and public view. (Education Code 48204.2)

The Superintendent or designee may assign a district employee to conduct the investigation. The investigation may include the examination of records, including public records, contacting the landlord or neighbors regarding whether or not the student resides at the address provided and/or interviews of persons who may have knowledge of the student's residency.

Any employee 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 or designee of a determination that district residency requirements were not met, the Superintendent or designee 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 or designee's decision shall be final.

Enrollment Not Requiring District Residency

When approved by the Board and the appropriate agency, the district may enroll students from other countries who are in the United States on an F-1 visa or are

participating in an international exchange program under the sponsorship of a government-approved agency.

(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

(cf. 6145.6 - International Exchange)

The district may enroll a nonresident student living in an adjoining state or foreign country in accordance with Education Code 48050-48052.

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)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220	Prohibition of discrimination
35160.5	Intradistrict open enrollment
35351	Assignment of students to particular schools
46600-46611	Interdistrict attendance permits
48050-48054	Nonresidents
48200-48208	Compulsory education law, especially:
48204	Residency requirements for school attendance
48204.1	Reasonable evidence of residency; false or unreliable evidence; unaccompanied youth
48204.2	Pupil school enrollment; residency requirements; policy on investigations
48300-48316	Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program
48350-48361	Open Enrollment Act transfers
48852.7	Education of homeless students; immediate enrollment
48853.5	Education of foster youth; immediate enrollment
48980	Notifications at beginning of term
52317	Regional occupational program, admission of persons including nonresidents

FAMILY CODE

6550-6552 Caregivers

GOVERNMENT CODE

6205-6210 Confidentiality of residence for victims of domestic violence

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

432 Retention of student records

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

COURT DECISIONS

Katz v. Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District, (2004) 117 Cal.App.4th 47

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Guidance Regarding International Student Exchange Placement Organizations, April 2014

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School: Questions and Answers for States, School Districts and Parents, 2012

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Secretary of State, Safe at Home Program: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

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