

## **S20- Enrollment and Residency Policy**

Although the School has a statewide open enrollment policy permitting enrollment from any school or district in the State of Ohio, it is still necessary to establish a student's school district of residence before they can be enrolled in the School. The school district in which a parent or child resides is the location the parent or student has established as the primary residence and where substantial family activity takes place. Residence is a place where important family activity takes place during the significant part of each day; a place where the family eats, sleeps, works, relaxes and plays. It must be a place, in short, which can be called "home". One cannot establish a residence merely by purchasing/leasing a house or an apartment or even by furnishing such a house or apartment so that it is suitable for the owner's use. No single factor is determinative; residency will be established by the totality of the circumstances. The following documents can be used to establish proof of residency for verification of a child's ability to enroll in the School. These items must be current, be in the parent's name, and include a street address. The School shall require only one form of proof of residency for enrollment. A post office box address cannot be used to validate residency records:

- Deed or current real property tax bill
- Lease agreement
- Mortgage statement
- Utility statement or receipt of utility installation issued within ninety (90) days of the date of enrollment
- Bank statement
- Current homeowner's or renter's insurance declaration
- Paycheck or paystub issued to the parent or student within ninety (90) days of the date of enrollment that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence
- Any other official document issued to the parent or student that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence that does not conflict with the guidelines issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Enrollment is defined as the day all paperwork is completed for the child's entry into school not the first day of school.

All custody or court orders pertaining to the family or student must be turned in when asked, or at admission. If our School and the student's home district (district of residency) disagree about residency, this policy shall prevail. In such a case, parents may be asked to provide additional information in order to resolve the dispute; however, the school is not obligated to ask for additional information based on other public schools' policies.