

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rule 5111.1

Students

District Residency

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.
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.
3. The student has been admitted through the district's inter-district attendance program.
4. The student is an emancipated minor residing within district boundaries
5. The student lives with a caregiving adult within district boundaries.
6. The student resides in a state hospital located within district boundaries.
7. The student is confined to a hospital or other residential health facility within district boundaries for treatment of a temporary disability.

In addition, district residency status may be granted to a student if at least one parent/guardian is physically employed within district boundaries.

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

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

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.

Proof of Residency

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.

Evidence of residency may be established by documentation showing the name and address of the parent/guardian within the district, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. Property tax payment receipt
2. Rental property contract, lease, or payment receipt
3. Utility service contract, statement, or payment receipt
4. Pay stub
5. Voter registration
6. Correspondence from a government agency
7. 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

The Superintendent or designee shall make a reasonable effort to secure evidence that a homeless or foster youth resides within the district, including, but not limited to, a utility bill, letter from a homeless shelter, hotel/motel receipt, or affidavit from the student's parent/guardian or other qualified adult relative.

However, a homeless or foster youth shall not be required to provide proof of residency as a condition of enrollment in district schools.

Failure to Verify 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.

If the Superintendent or designee, upon investigation, determines that a student's enrollment or attempted enrollment is based on false or unreliable evidence of residency, he/she shall deny or revoke the student's enrollment. Before any such denial or revocation is final, the parent/guardian shall be sent written notice of the facts leading to the decision. This notice also shall inform the parent/guardian that he/she may provide new material evidence of

residency, in writing, to the Superintendent or designee within 10 school days. The Superintendent or designee shall review any new evidence and make a final decision within 10 school days.

Safe at Home/Confidential Address Program

When a student or parent/guardian participating in the Safe at Home program requests that the district use the substitute address designated by the Secretary of State, the Superintendent or designee shall use the substitute address for all future communications and correspondence and shall not include the actual address in the student's file or any other public record. The Superintendent or designee may request the actual residence address for the purpose of establishing residency within district boundaries.

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