

Policy 5010: District Residency

The residence of a student means the place, abode, or dwelling of the student. Generally, the legal dwelling of minors is the same as their parents. However, a student may establish a dwelling with someone other than the parents and attend public school in the school district without paying tuition if the primary purpose for residing in the school district is not for the purpose of obtaining a free public education. Any student shall also be admitted to the district upon request without paying tuition if at least one of the student's parents resides in the school district.

All students whose parents are not living in the Cozad School District shall supply proof of residency before their registration and prior to being entered as students in the Cozad Community Schools. Such proof of residency may include the following: (1) court papers designating the student as a ward of the court, (2) legal guardianship papers for student issued by an appropriate court, or (3) a court order, (4) in the actual physical custody of a resident of the School District and that their presence in the School District is not for the primary purpose of attending the free public school in the District, (5) at the age of majority, (6) an emancipated person, and/or placement by Dept. of Social Services in a foster home in the School District.

In addition to the required proof of residency, students who are on parole or probation must have both their court appointed guardian(s) and case worker with them at the time of school registration.

Students whose parents are not residents of the Cozad School District shall not be allowed to enter school until a complete set of records is furnished to the Cozad School District from the last school in which such student was enrolled.

Students who are the children of homeless individuals or who are verified homeless students may attend school under the requirements of the PL 100-77, the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

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