

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

All families enrolling their children in District 66 will be required to verify their residency in the district.

Illinois law permits only students who are residents of School District 66 to enroll and attend on a tuition-free basis. Under the law, the residence of a student is deemed to be the same as the residence of the person who has legal custody of the student. The person claiming legal custody must also reside in the school district.

The grounds for legal custody are set forth below along with certain exceptions to legal custody and residence requirements. The school district may investigate the residency of any student before or after enrollment and require the involved persons to provide additional information to be considered by the district in determining residency.

Grounds for Legal Custody:

Custody is exercised by a natural or adoptive parent with whom the student resides.

Custody has been granted by court order to a person with whom the student resides for reasons other than to have access to the educational programs of the district.

Custody is exercised under a court approved short-term guardianship.

Custody is exercised by a caretaker adult relative who is receiving aid under the Illinois Public aid code for the student who resides with that caretaker for purposes other than to have access to the educational programs of the district.

Custody is exercised by an adult who demonstrates that, in fact, he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the student and provides the student with a regular fixed nighttime dwelling for purposes other than to have access to the educational programs of the district.

Exceptions:

The student is homeless.

The student is a foreign exchange student.

The student has been placed with a foster parent or childcare facility by the Department of Children and Family Services outside the district, but DCFS has determined it to be in the best interests of the student to maintain attendance in the district.

The student is at least 18 years old.

Warning:

Illinois law has made it a crime, punishable by imprisonment and fine, to knowingly or willfully present any false information regarding the residency of a student for purposes of enabling that student to attend on a tuition-free basis or to knowingly enroll or attempt to enroll a student on a tuition-free basis when the student is known to be a non-resident of the district. The school district will seek prosecution to the full extent of the law of any person who the district believes has committed any residency related crime.