



Residency Verification 2020-2021

Students who are new to the district and returning students entering grades 3 and 6 are required to verify proof of residency within District 66. The school district reserves the right to evaluate the evidence presented; merely presenting the documents listed does not guarantee enrollment. Owning property in District 66 where you do **not** reside does not make you a legal resident and, therefore, does **not** qualify your child to attend school in District 66. The Illinois School Code mandates that you and your child reside in the attendance area on a permanent basis in order for your child to attend school in the district.

Should a question arise concerning any student’s residency in the district while attending, the student’s residency will be subject to further inquiry and/or investigation. Such questions concerning residency may arise on the basis of incomplete, suspicious, or contradictory proofs of address, anonymous tips, correspondence that is returned to District 66 because of an invalid or unknown address, or other grounds.

YOU MUST PROVIDE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Current Mortgage Statement OR Closing Statement or letter from the county assessor
- Current Real Estate Tax Bill
- Lease or Rental Agreement that specifies start and end date of agreement (must go through at least the first day of school); must include name, signature, address, and phone number of landlord and signature of tenant AND proof of last month’s payment (i.e. renter’s canceled check or receipt)
- Notarized Affidavit signed by property owner (used if student and legal guardian reside with a friend or relative OR student lives with someone other than the legal guardian) - required each year

AND **TWO** DOCUMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

- Current Gas Bill
- Current Cable/Satellite Bill
- Current Electric Bill
- Current Water/Sewer Bill
- Current Vehicle Registration
- Current Homeowner’s/Renter’s Insurance
- Current Home Phone Bill (no cell)

Registration of a student who is not a resident is a fraudulent act. Any student found to have been fraudulently registered will be dropped from attendance rolls immediately. Parents or guardians making a fraudulent registration will be subject to the payment of retroactive tuition charged for non-resident students, not to exceed 110% of the per capita cost.

By signing this form, you certify that you have read the above Residency Verification document. You understand the residency requirements and know the penalty for fraudulent registration. You, as the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) listed below, certify that you are a legal resident of Center Cass School District 66.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Child: _____ Grade: _____

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RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

All families enrolling their children in Center Cass School 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.