

## STUDENT RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

### STUDENTS LIVING WITH PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student seeking to enroll must provide this school district with at least two of the items numbered 1 through 8 below as verification of their address, except that a document with a post office box as an address will not be accepted.

1. Apartment or Home Lease (handwritten rent receipt must be notarized)
2. Current Automobile Registration
3. Current Document from Government Agency proving residency in our district (DHS, Social Security).
4. Current Utility Bills: Water, Garbage, Electric, TV, Phone (no cell phone- must be landline or internet service)
5. Driver's License or Firearms Permit (Only one can be accepted)
6. Homeowners' Insurance
7. Mortgage Documents or Property Tax Receipt
8. Affidavit and/or Personal Visit by a Designated School District Official

### STUDENTS LIVING WITH ADULTS OTHER THAN PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S):

1. The non-parent(s) claiming district residency must meet the criteria of subparagraph (a) (1) through (10) above, required of a parent or legal guardian.
2. The district resident must provide the school with an affidavit stating his or her relationship to the student, and that the student will be living at his/her abode full time, and provide documentation fully explaining the reason(s) (other than school attendance zone or district preference) for this arrangement. The superintendent or his/her designee will make the necessary factual determinations as required under this policy. Examples of situations where "in loco parentis" authority of an adult will be recognized to establish residency of the minor include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Death or serious illness of the child's parent(s) or guardian(s);
  - b. Abandonment of the child;
  - c. Child abuse or neglect;
  - d. Unstable family relationships or undesirable conditions in the home of the child's parents or guardians having a detrimental effect on the child;
  - e. Students enrolled in recognized exchange programs residing with host families.
3. Whenever appropriate the person who has assumed responsibility for the care and custody of the child shall be encouraged to obtain legal guardianship of the child (a valid court order establishing

guardian/custody of the student or papers from a lawyer showing that an adult who resides in Tishomingo County has a process in place for a chancery judge to order guardian/custody to the adult requesting a child to be registered. Before registering the child the next school year, a copy of the judge's order granting guardian/custody must be placed in the student's folder)

The school district may require additional documentation and verification at any time.

At the minimum, this school district shall maintain in a file a written instrument identifying the types of documents used to verify each student's residency and copies of any relevant guardianship petition or decree.