

## Park City School District Proof of Residency Requirements

<u>Submit ONE (1) document from column A and TWO (2) from column B</u> to each child's school. Acceptable documents are listed below. Must be able to prove **Utah Residency.** 

Documents MUST INCLUDE the <u>student's home address</u> (not a PO Box) AND a <u>parent/legal guardian's name</u> (birth parent, custodial parent, or parent student lives with most in cases of divorce; legal guardians must be court-appointed).

Evidence that false information was provided will result in the immediate withdrawal of the child(ren) from school. Any person making false statements with the intent to deceive a public servant in the performance of their official function could be found guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor as defined in Utah Criminal Code, Title 76 Chapter 8 Part 5 Section 504 
Falsification in Official Matters.

Column A	Column B
Copy of most recent mortgage payment; or Copy of most recent property tax statement PRIMARY residence  Copy of Lease AND record of most recent rent payment; or  Legal affidavit from Landlord (homeowner) affirming tenancy AND record of most recent rent payment if available, or statement in body of affidavit that family is living there free of charge and for what period; or  Other documentation acceptable to the school district/charter school that confirms Utah is the legal guardian's primary residence.	Dated within the past 60 days:  Letter from approved government agency, such as assisted housing, food stamps, or unemployment payments  Utility bill or service change order such as:  Gas bill  Electric bill  Home telephone (landline only)  Cable bill  Valid driver license  Valid Utah photo identification card  Voter registration documentation  Dated within the past year:  W -2 form  Property tax bill for residential PRIMARY improved property dated within the last year

## The following **DO NOT** establish residency:

- Powers of attorney
- P.O. Box or UPS mailbox in the district boundaries
- Property/Warranty Deed

- Letters from friends or relatives
- Property or business owned in the district boundaries

The proof of residency requirement does not apply to homeless students. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act provides education services to homeless children/youth who lack a fixed, regular, adequate nightly residence. If you believe your family fits this exception, you will need to set up an appointment with the District Registrar.

Frequently Asked Questions on the back page. District Policy: Per Utah Code and PCSD Policy 10010, to be enrolled in a Park City School District school, the student's parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s) must provide proof that their primary residence lies within the school district's boundaries. Proof of residency is required every year and must be submitted at each child's school. Proof of residency is also required if the student moves during the school year. Unannounced home visits and/or requesting additional documents may be done at any time at the district's discretion to verify residency. Residency documentation is kept confidential and will be retained for the current school year only.

## **Proof of Residency Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

How is Park City School District residency defined? Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) must reside with the student within the Park City School District boundaries. "Residence" is the permanent primary physical location where a person lives and sleeps. The residence of a minor child is presumed to be the residence of the parent(s) or guardian(s) who have legal physical custody of the child.

- i. If the student's parents are divorced and share physical custody, the student's residence is the location where the student lives the majority of the time—with the primary or majority custodial parent (court documents will be required).
- ii. If the student is not living with a parent, the Park City School District requires that a responsible adult obtain legal guardianship through the court system (notarized letters from parents giving "guardianship" to others are unacceptable).
- iii. A temporary resident within the Park City School District boundaries solely for the purpose of attending a Park City School District school shall not be considered residency.

How does the Park City School District verify residency? Proof of residency is required annually for all students in all district schools at the time of school registration. Documents that satisfy proof of residency are listed on the Proof of Residency Requirement Form. The district reserves the right to request additional proof documents or to perform unscheduled home visits at any time to verify a family's residency. Families who move during the school year must re-submit proof of residency for the new address.

What if I don't have the required proof of residency with me when I register? All families must have the required documents during new enrollment or back-to-school registration. The student's enrollment or registration will be put on hold until the family can return with the required proof of residency documents.

What if none of the utility bills are in my name? You can call the utility company and have your name added to the bill, then ask the utility company to fax a confirmation letter to the school for proof of residency.

What if all my statements and bills are online? You should be able to log into your online accounts and print copies of your statements and bills. Printouts are acceptable if they include the home/property address (not a PO box), the account holder's name, and the billing date.

I'm worried about my privacy. Will documents that I submit remain confidential? Yes. All submitted documents will remain confidential and will be shredded at the end of the school year. You may black out your financial information and/or account numbers to protect your privacy. We are only interested in names, addresses, and dates.

What if I just moved or purchased a new home and I don't have any proof documents yet? We have listed a number of documents that you should be able to provide even shortly after moving. For example, you can submit a work order from any utility stating that your service has been ordered or installed. If you have purchased a new home, we will require you to submit the closing documents.

What if I cannot produce all required documents? If your personal circumstances make it impossible to provide items from either of the columns, bring available documents to the District Office at 2700 Kearns Blvd. to explain why circumstances prevent you from having the required documents.

What if my family does not have a permanent residence? Proof of residency requirements do not apply to students and families in a homeless situation as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. If you feel you qualify as being homeless under this Act, please request a "Student Residency Questionnaire" from the District Registrar.

What if I am an undocumented immigrant? We will never ask families or students about their immigration status. Any child can attend a public school if they are living with a parent or legal guardian within the school district's boundaries and they are able to provide acceptable proof of residency or qualify under the McKinney-Vento Act.

What are the consequences of residency fraud? Evidence that false information was provided will result in the immediate withdrawal of the child(ren) from school. Any person making false statements with the intent to deceive a public servant in the performance of their official function could be found guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor as defined in Utah Criminal Code, Title 76 Chapter 8 Part 5 Section 504 - Falsification in Official Matters.