

SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Registration

No child will be admitted until his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) meets the following requirements:

1. Presents proof to school officials of bona fide residency in the area served by the School System and the appropriate school zone or qualifies for admission under the Non-Resident Student Admissions policy. In the event of overcrowding conditions, students may be assigned to other schools of the district on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. Presents legal custodian guardianship papers, if applicable.
3. Presents a Birth Certificate (or in the absence of one, other alternative documentation to verify age) to school officials as verification of the child's date of birth.
4. Presents a current Alabama Health Department Immunization Form to school officials as proof of the child's immunization against all communicable diseases as may be required by law.

- Admission

- o Admission will be granted to a transfer student when the attendance supervisor determines:

That the student is eligible for continued enrollment at the school from which he/she is transferring, i.e. not currently suspended or expelled or pending suspension or expulsion. However, a suspended or expelled student whose parent(s) or guardian(s) establishes residence in the area served by the School System may make a written request outlining the specifics of the suspension or expulsion to the Superintendent and/or designee for review and consideration by the Board.

Pre-School Students and Students Over Twenty-One

If a person's twenty-first birthday is on or before September 1 or the date on which school begins in any given school year, he/she will not be admitted to a school within the School System without the written approval of the principal and Superintendent, except that, in schools housing exceptional education classes designed for preschoolers and the older aged student, the principal is authorized to approve enrollments of exceptional education students in such classes according to the IEP of the student.

A person applying for enrollment who would not be able to graduate before his/her twenty-second (22nd) birthday must have the written approval of the principal and Superintendent.

Temporary Delegation of Parental Authority

Temporary delegations of parental authority pursuant to § 26-2A-7 of the *Code of Alabama* shall not be determinative of the bona fide residency of the child for purposes of admission. Parents residing in other school systems will not be permitted to circumvent residency requirements and school district/zone boundaries by executing a temporary delegation of parental authority.

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