
Note: See FFC regarding support services for students in foster care.

See the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) website for the Authorization Agreement for Voluntary Adult Caregiver form and Instruction (under State of Texas Forms) and the Placement Authorization Foster Care/Residential Care form 2085FC (under DFPS Forms).

The District requires completion of a form containing information on each student seeking admission. [See FD(EXHIBIT)A] If the student is a minor not living with a parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student, the District will verify that the student's presence in the District is not for the primary purpose of participation in an extracurricular activity.

The District will request that a power of attorney or an authorization agreement, as provided by Chapter 34 of the Family Code, be provided for any student not currently residing with a parent, guardian, or managing conservator. [See FD(EXHIBIT)] The District will establish a timeline for the completion and return of the power of attorney or the authorization agreement, as well as establish a procedure for waiving this request when the Superintendent determines that a student's circumstances preclude compliance.

A person enrolling a child in the conservatorship of the state (foster care) may provide as legal authority for enrollment either a DFPS Placement Authorization Foster Care/Residential Care form 2085FC or a court order naming DFPS as temporary or permanent managing conservator of a child.

Schools will keep all information regarding a student's status as a youth in foster care confidential, with secure access, and will share such information with other school personnel only on a need-to-know basis.

Verification of Age

The principal must verify the age of each student enrolling in the District for the first time. If a birth certificate is not available, the principal may accept other documents as proof of a student's age.

Proof of Residency
Initial Enrollment

At the time of registration, the parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student under order of court must present proof of residency in the District as required by law in the form of one or more of the following:.

1. A current lease agreement or mortgage statement;
2. The most recent tax receipt indicating home ownership;
3. A current utility bill

In addition, the adult must present a valid driver license or government-

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issued photo identification card.

For a student living separate and apart from his or her parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control under order of a court, the adult resident with whom the student resides must provide proof of a residence in the same manner as a parent.

Over-aged Students in
Middle School

Any new student to Ector County ISD who turns 15 prior to September 1st and attempts to enroll prior to September 1st, is required to enroll at the high school as a 9th grade student.

Any new student to Ector County ISD who turns 15 prior to September 1st and attempts to enroll after September 1st, must enroll in a middle school if the student is currently enrolled in 8th grade and/or in 8th grade courses at their last school district.

1. The parent or guardian must present a valid driver's license or acceptable picture ID and:
 - a. A current lease agreement or mortgage statement;
 - b. A current utility bill (gas, electric, or water) indicating the service address .
 - c. Documentation indicating that the student's family will close or occupy a residence which has been recently purchased within 30 days of the student's enrollment date (further documentation may be required to be submitted)

Parent Living Apart
And Separate

For a student living separate and apart from his or her parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control, under order of a court, the adult District resident with whom the student resides must provide proof of residency in the same manner as a parent.

For a nonresident student whose resident grandparent provides a substantial amount of after-school care, the grandparent must provide proof of residency in the same manner as a parent.

Continued Education

After a student's initial enrollment, the District will verify residency through the annual registration forms and may investigate stated residency as necessary.

Verification of Residency
Information

In accordance with law, the District may make reasonable inquiries to determine whether the student is a resident of the District, including when a document submitted for purposes of proving residency is not in the name of the adult who is enrolling the student.

Based on an individual's circumstance, the District may grant exceptions to

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the requirement to produce a document listed above. When required by law, the District will waive the requirement to prove residency in the District boundaries.

Victims of Family
Violence, Sexual
Assault, or Stalking

Proof of a student's residency will be waived when the student or the student's parent or guardian is a participant in the attorney general's address confidentiality program for victims of family violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The District must accept a substitute post office box address designated by the attorney general if it is presented by a parent or student participating in the program. Information on the Address Confidentiality Program can be found on TEA's website.

Homeless Students

Proof of a student's residency will be waived when the student is homeless as defined by law. [See FDC.]

Substantial Care By
Resident Grandparent

Proof of a student's residency will be waived when the student is a nonresident for whom a resident grandparent provides a substantial amount of after-school care, as approved by the Board. [See FD(LOCAL).] The student may continue in enrollment as long as the grandparent provides the level of care established by the Board.

The Superintendent has authority to waive these requirements on the basis of a student's extenuating circumstances, in accordance with Board action.

Coordination with
District Liaisons

Schools receiving information indicating that an enrolling student may be homeless or in foster care will notify the district's homelessness liaison or foster care liaison. [see FFC and FDC]

Withdrawal
Procedures

When a student under age 18 withdraws from school, the parent or guardian must submit a written request to the principal, specifying the reasons for withdrawal and the final day of the student will be in attendance. A student who is age 18 or older, who is married, or who has been declared by a court to be an emancipated minor may withdraw without parental signature.

If possible, three days' notice should be given to provide teachers time to compute grades and clear all records.

The principal will officially withdraw the student from school.

Note: For withdrawal for nonattendance or withdrawal to home school, see FEA.
