Davidson County Schools

School Enrollment
Frequently Asked Questions

Questions	Answers
How do I determine which school my child will attend?	Transportation provides the ***official*** school assignment. Contact Transportation at 336.249.8977 with the physical address for school assignment. A student under the age of 18 will be enrolled in the school attendance zone in which his custodial parent(s)/legal guardian(s) is/are domiciled.
Can I enroll my child in a school other than the one to which he/she is assigned?	Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, no student will be approved for, nor granted, a within system transfer for the purpose of attending a school outside of his/her designated attendance area.
What documents/materials are required to enroll a student in DCS?	**(1) Photo Identification of Parent/Guardian** **(2) Proof of Residency** -utility bills or contract; -mortgage statement; -current lease/rental agreement; -Davidson County property tax statement; -property deed; -vehicle registration -voter registration **(3) Certified Copy of Birth Certificate** **(4) Proof of Custody** *(may be #3 or court documents for custody if applicable)* **(5) Immunization Records** **(6) NC Health Assessment** *(required for students new to NC public education, including Kindergarten students within 30 days of enrollment)*
What are the age requirements for enrolling in school?	*A child who is presented for enrollment at any time during the first 120 days of a school year will be considered eligible for initial entry in any of the following circumstances.* **A**. The child reaches or reached the age of five on or before August 31 of that school year. **B.** The child resided in another state and was attending school during that school year in accordance with that state's laws or rules prior to moving to NC. (The child does not need to reach the age of five on or before August 31 in this circumstance.) **C**. The child did not reach the age of five on or before August 31 of that school year, but would be eligible to attend school during that school year in another state in accordance with the laws or rules of that state, if **all** of the following apply: • the child's parent is a legal resident of NC who is an active member of the uniformed services assigned to a permanent duty station in another state; • the child's parent is the sole legal custodian of the child; • the child's parent is deployed for duty away from the permanent duty station; and • the child resides with an adult who is a domiciliary of Davidson County Schools as a result of the parent's deployment away from the permanent duty station. *For more information visit DCS Board of Education Policy 6.2*

What proofs of residency must I provide?	A minimum of two are required. These are ***acceptable***: -utility bills or contract (for utilities tied to the physical address) -mortgage statement; -current lease/rental agreement; -Davidson County property tax statement; -property deed; -vehicle registration
Can someone other than a custodial parent enroll a student?	The domicile of the legal custodian/guardian determines school assignment. If circumstances have resulted in a child being removed from the custody of a natural parent, official court documents or Department of Social Services documents are required to verify the legal placement of the child.
What proof of identification of the parent/guardian is required?	A picture identification that establishes there is a legal connection to the child presenting for enrollment.
Where do I find the form for the required health assessment?	You can download a copy from the DCS Website www.davidson.k12.nc.us Parents/Students **>** Enroll Your Student **>** NC Health Assessment Transmittal Form *If you do not have access to print this form, a school can provide you with a copy.*
Where do I submit my enrollment documents?	All enrollment documents will be presented to the assigned school of enrollment.
Will my child be able to ride a bus?	Transportation is available for all students in their assigned attendance zone. Once a request for transportation is submitted, it may take up to 10 days for the student to be added to the route.
Who do I contact if my child has an IEP or a 504 plan?	Each school has a section 504 Coordinator and Exceptional Children's personnel on staff who can provide assistance. When possible a copy of the existing plan should be presented at enrollment.
Do I need to provide the school with my child's previous school records?	While this is not required prior to enrollment, it is helpful for the school to have this for appropriate placement of the student.
How do I enroll my student from homeschool?	All the same documents as outlined above are required to enroll a student from a homeschool. Additionally, the school may request evidence of the homeschool approval and academic records. At the high school level, course credits from a homeschool are issued as a result of assessments conducted by the assigned school. *Please see DCS Board of Education Policy 6.35 for additional information.*
What if I do not have bills in my name at the residence where I am living?	Personnel at the school can provide you with options to verify residency with the DCS district. If this is the situation, we ask for your patience as this process will take longer. The *host* of the home in which you are living must appear with you at school, attest via a legal document that you (the custodial parent/guardian) are residing at the address with the child, and a home visit by the school social worker may be arranged.