DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

School Enrollment FAQ for Parents

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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 your 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?	DCS Board Policy prohibits students from 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** - current utility bills - mortgage statement - current lease/rental agreement - property deed - vehicle registration - voter registration **(3) Certified Copy of Birth Certificate** **(4) Custody Paperwork signed by a judge** (if applicable) **(5) Immunization Records** (required within 30 days of enrollment) **(6) NC Health Assessment** (required within 30 days of enrollment for students new to NC public education, including kindergarten students)
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 parents' deployment away from the permanent duty station. *For more information visit DCS Board of Education Policy 6.2*

Can someone other than a custodial parent enroll a student?	If circumstances have resulted in a child being removed from the custody of a biological parent, official court documents or Department of Social Services documents are required to verify the legal placement of the child. Please contact the school.
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. Please plan for alternate transportation during this time.
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?	The school will request your child's educational record from their previous school, if applicable.
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 will request evidence of 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.

Please contact the Student Support Services Department if there are other questions you feel should be answered on this document.