Pearl Public School District Residency Requirements

For a child to attend a school in Pearl Public School District the custodial parent/legal guardian must prove residency. The custodial parent's or legal guardian's name and the physical address of the residence must appear on each of the 2 proofs.

Proof # 1 must be one of the following:

1. Filed Homestead Exemption Application form;
2. Current mortgage document or property deed;
3. Current lease; or
4. Current property management lease/contract listing the parent/legal guardian as an occupant

Proof # 2 must be one of the following:

1. Current gas bill (within two months of the time the residency is being verified by school personnel) showing the service location,
2. Current electric bill (within two months of the time the residency is being verified by school personnel) showing the service location, or
3. Current water bill (within two months of the time the residency is being verified by school personnel) showing the service location.

Reminders:

Parents/Guardians sharing a residence with the lessee of a property management company should not complete a Landlord Verification Form or an Affidavit. Instead, the property manager should list under the "tenant or occupants" section of the lease agreement the names of the parents/guardians sharing the residence with the primary occupant or official lessee.

In addition to two proofs of residency, keep in mind that other items are necessary to enroll a student in our district depending upon the school/grade level of the student (i.e., custody papers, immunization records, birth certificates, withdrawal forms, discipline records, etc.).

If a child and his/her custodial parent/legal guardian move/change residences after having enrolled in a school in Pearl Public School District, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent/legal guardian to promptly inform a school official that a move has taken place.

Any student who is admitted using false information is not legally enrolled; consequently, he/she is subject to immediate dismissal from Pearl Public School District. We will also comply with the city ordinance 2010-412, Section 16-9, which went into effect March 2010. The ordinance references misrepresentations of residency for school enrollment as unlawful, and a violation will be a misdemeanor.

If at any time a school official suspects that proofs of residency have been falsified or that a student and his/her custodial parent/legal guardian are not living where documentation says that they are living, the school official has the responsibility to resolve the situation. For example, a home visit may occur; additional proofs of residency may be requested; additional questions may be asked.