

## **STUDENT RESIDENCY**

It is the policy of the Holdenville Board of Education that the residence of any child for school purposes shall be the legal residence of the parents, guardian, or person having legal custody who holds legal residence within the district as defined in 70 O.S. 1 – 113 ©. Provided that such parent, legal guardian, person or institution having legal custody contributes in a major degree to the support of such child. Provided, further, that any child residing in the district who is entirely self-supporting shall be considered a resident of the school district if the child works and attends school in the school district. Questions concerning legal residence of children shall be determined pursuant to procedures utilized by the State Department of Education in accordance with 70 O.S. 1 -113.

An adult who does not fall within the categories listed above, who holds legal residence in the district, and who has assumed permanent care and custody of the child may file an affidavit with the school district attesting that custody has been assumed. The affidavit must include the reasons for assuming custody. The residency officer shall consider the facts of each case and shall approve residency only if it is demonstrated that the custody arrangement is permanent and the adult contributes in a major degree to the support of the child.

The superintendent or designee may require the submission of evidence of residency in order to determine whether the student is eligible to attend the public schools or programs. Such evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1.** Proof of payment of local personal income tax or ad valorem taxes
- 2.** Title to residential property in the district, or a valid unexpired lease agreement, or receipts for payment of rent on a district residence in which the applicant actually resides
- 3.** Proof of provisions of utilities

- 4.** A valid, unexpired motor vehicle operator's permit or motor vehicle registration
- 5.** Maintenance of voter registration
- 6.** Notarized affidavit verifying residency and that the affiant has assumed the permanent care and custody of the student

The school district designates the superintendent as residency officer. The residency officer may be contacted at (405) 379-5483 or by writing to the residency officer at the following address, or by personally visiting the residency officer at 210 Grimes St., Holdenville, Oklahoma 74848.

If this school district denies admittance of a student who claims to be a resident of the district, the parent, guardian, or person having care and custody of the student may request a review of the residency officer's decision. Such request for review shall be in writing and must be received by the residency officer within three school days of the denial of admittance. The request for review shall include any additional pertinent information which may justify the admittance of the child to the school district.

Upon receipt of a written request for review, the residency officer will render a decision and notify the parent of the decision within three school days of the receipt of the request for review.

If the parent disagrees with the findings of the residency officer, the parent will notify the residency officer within three school days of the receipt of the decision. The residency officer will submit his/her findings and all documents reviewed to the board of education.

The board of education will review the decision and the documents submitted by both the residency officer and the student and render a decision at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The board's decision may be appealed only pursuant to the procedures utilized by the State Department of Education.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. 1-113, 1-114  
70 O.S. 18-111