

RESIDENCY

To attend the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, a student must be a resident of Dighton or Rehoboth. "Residence" is the place where a person dwells permanently, not temporarily, and is the place that is the center of his or her domestic, social, and civic life. This policy does not apply to students participating in school choice or foster children residing in the district.

VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY

In order to register a student with the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, the parent or guardian (or the student if age 18 or older) must produce a completed Certificate of Residency (Policy JFAA/JFBA-E), and at least one original document from each category listed below:

Category 1: Evidence of Residency:

- Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill from a member town
- Fully signed and executed lease or rental agreement
- Proof of tenancy-at-will: Landlord Affidavit and most recent rental payment
- Section 8 Agreement

Category 2: Evidence of Occupancy

- Utility (gas, oil, electric, home phone, cable, water) bill or work order dated within the past 60 days with name and address stated
- Bank statement or pay stub with name and address stated
- Excise tax bill with name and address stated

Category 3: Proof of Identification

- MA Driver's License
- MA Photo ID Card
- Passport
- Government-Issued ID (i.e. Student Visa, Work Visa)

The Superintendent may require production of additional documents from one or more categories. Individuals having difficulty providing the requested documentation should contact the Superintendent of Schools.

ENFORCEMENT

Should circumstances arise following initial registration and enrollment that give rise to a reason to believe that a student is not, or is no longer, a resident of the school district, such student's residency will be subject to review. The Superintendent may request additional or updated documentation of residency, and may also, with the assistance of school personnel or town officials, review surrounding facts and circumstances to determine residency status.

If the Superintendent determines that the student does not reside in the district, the enrollment may be terminated, and any person who violates or assists in the violation of this policy may be required to pay restitution pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 76, Section 5.

If a student's enrollment is denied, terminated or conditioned upon the payment of tuition, he or she may appeal to the Superintendent.

EXCEPTIONS TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

This residency requirement shall not apply to students who are entitled to attend the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

This requirement shall not apply to students who are enrolled in the school district under the provisions of MGL Chapter 76, Section 12, where a student is placed with a resident of Dighton or Rehoboth by a licensed adoption agency or by the State Department of Social Services.

Any student who becomes a non-resident of the district during the school year will be permitted to remain in the district until the end of the semester in which the non-residency occurs. If a senior becomes a non-resident on or after the first day of school during the senior year, the student will be allowed to continue attending school until the end of that school year. Transportation to the school in each of these cases will be provided by the parents/guardians.

A family that has plans to move to the school district after a school semester has begun may apply for provisional permission to register their child or children in the school district at the commencement of such semester, if the move will occur during the first quarter of the school year. If the move has not been completed within the first quarter of the school year, an extension may be given to the end of the semester. Transportation in such cases will be provided by the parents/guardians. In order for the district to consider such provisional permission to enroll, the family must produce adequate documentation that the move will occur before the end of that semester. Documentation may include a signed purchase and sale agreement, a deed along with a statement from the building department indicating substantial completion and imminent issuance of an occupancy permit, or a signed lease agreement. If the move has not occurred by the end of such school semester, enrollment will be terminated.

A student who is a non-resident citizen of a foreign country will be considered for enrollment in special programs approved by the School Committee, such as educational exchange programs, in accordance with state and federal law.

The Superintendent and the School Committee may mutually make additional exceptions to the residency requirement when, in their sole discretion, extraordinary hardship would result otherwise.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY

1. I understand that _____ (Name of Student) must be a resident of either Dighton or Rehoboth in order to attend school in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

2. _____ (Name of Student) resides at the following address:

3. Please check one:

The student is over the age of 18 and has established his/her own residency at the above address.

The student lives with his/her parent at the above address.

The student lives with his/her legal guardian at the above address (please provide legal documentation of guardianship).

The student lives at the above address, which is not the residence of his/her parent or legal guardian. I certify that the student is not temporarily residing at the above address without his/her parent or guardian for the special purpose of attending school in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District. The reasons for the student's residence at the above address is as follows (please describe):

(use back of form if necessary)

4. I understand that the enrollment of the student named above in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District is contingent upon the conditions of the Residency Policy, File JFAA/JFBA, which I have read. I also understand that violation of this policy may result in termination of the child's enrollment and that I may be liable for payment of restitution and/or tuition.

I hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury, the information provided above is accurate and true.

Signature

Date

Print Name and Relationship to Student

Your Address

Your Telephone Number

On this ____ day of _____, 20__, before me, the undersigned Town Clerk, personally appeared _____ (name of document signer), proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were _____, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he/she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Town Clerk Signature

Term Expires:

Town Seal: