

Legal Residency Regulations

The Indiana Department of Education has implemented a state statute for Legal Residency issues for all public school corporations, in accordance with I.C. 20-18-2-11. In most cases, legal settlement is determined by where the student's parent lives. I.C.20-26-11-2. Due to a variety of family circumstances, students may not have legal settlement where the parent or custodial parent resides.

Documentation for Residency Verification

- 1. Parent/guardian must provide a "current" utility bill or service agreement (gas, electric, water, cable). The bill or service agreement must be in the parent/guardian's name and at an address in the MSDPT boundary.
- 2. Parent/guardian can provide a "purchase agreement"/closing statement for a recently purchased home. (Recent will be defined as within the past 30 days) The "purchase agreement"/closing statement must be in the parent/guardian's name at an address in the MSDPT boundary.
- 3. If the parent/guardian and student are living with another family that resides in the Perry Township boundary area, and the parent/guardian is not paying utility bills at this address...the legal resident of the home in the Perry Township boundary area must provide a "current" utility bill in their name at the address in the Perry Township boundary area **AND** the parent/guardian must provide two pieces of mail (i.e.: public assistance information, medical bills, insurance documentation, employment information/pay stubs, bank statements) in their name at this address.
- 4. The School Social Worker or designated school representative will conduct a home visit to verify residency in instances not defined above.

<u>Guardianship</u>:

1. All students are to attend the school from their parent/legal guardian's address.

2. Students 18 years old and older must attend school from their parent/legal guardian's address. *An 18 year old and older student may enroll from an address other than their parent/legal guardian's address, if they are emancipated (providing basic needs-food, clothing, shelter from their own resources) from their parent/legal guardian, and can verify residency within the corporation.

3. If a student meets the criteria listed on the IDOE Form II for Third Party Guardianship, the School Social Worker or designate from Student Services will verify information.