



GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERING YOUR CHILD

Proof of Residency

All new students seeking enrollment in the Wappingers Central School District must provide proper documentation and/or information to establish residency.

Within three (3) business days of your child's initial enrollment, your documentation and/or information will be reviewed to make a final residency decision. If a determination of non-residency is made, you will be notified in writing.

The following is documentation that may be used to establish residency (**Note: This is not intended to be an exhaustive list, and the District may consider other documentation and/or information, as appropriate**):

- A copy of a residential lease or proof of ownership of a home, such as a deed or mortgage statement.
- A notarized or signed statement by a third-party landlord, owner or tenant from whom the parent(s), guardian(s) or person(s) in parental relation leases or with whom they share property within the District.
- Other forms of documentation include:
 - Pay Stubs
 - Federal or NYS Income Tax, W-2 or Earnings Statement
 - Utility Bill
 - Voter Registration Notification Card
 - Official driver's license, learner's permit or non-driver identification
 - Documents issued by federal, state or local agencies (such as social services agency)
 - Government issued identification
 - Membership document based on residency

Proof of Age

In accordance with the NYS Education Law, the District requires documentation verifying your child's age. Acceptable documentation may include a birth certificate or record of baptism, including a certified transcript of a foreign birth certificate or record of baptism. When this information is unavailable, the District may accept a passport, including a foreign passport, to determine the child's age. If the previously listed documentation is not available, the District may consider the following documents or recorded evidence if in existence two (2) or more years, except an affidavit of age, to determine a child's age:

- State or other government issued identification
- School photo identification with date of birth
- Consulate identification card
- Hospital or health records
- Official driver's license
- Military dependent identification card
- Documents issued by federal, state or local agencies
- Court orders or other court-issued documents
- Native American tribal document
- Records from non-profit international aid agencies and voluntary agencies



Documentation Relating to Legal Custody and Special Circumstances

If you are not the natural parent but have legal guardianship of the student(s), please provide us with any available relevant documents or complete custody affidavit.

If there are any other special circumstances such as custody agreements or orders of protection, please submit those documents to us. They will be copied and filed in the student's records. The schools cannot refuse to release a child to a parent/legal guardian unless there are court documents on file with the District to the contrary.

Proof of Health Examination & Immunizations

In accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations, students entering public school at any grade are required to have a satisfactory health examination conducted no more than 12 months before the first day of the school year in question. If an acceptable health certificate is not provided within 30 days, the District's physician will conduct the examination. The District does not require a health certificate if they or their parents objects claiming a conflict with their genuine and sincere religious beliefs. This exemption request must be in writing and supporting documentation provided.

Immunization records or documentation of exemption are also required for every student entering or attending public schools in accordance with New York State Public Health Law. The Public Health Law allows for a limited period of attendance for 14 days without proof of immunization, upon a showing that the student is making a good faith effort to obtain the necessary immunizations and/or documentation verifying the immunizations. "(Note: when the child is transferring from another state or country, the 14-day period may be extended to not more than 30 days). Please refer to the next page for the schedule of immunizations required of students.

Warning: Any person or persons, who willfully provide false information regarding residence, may be subject to criminal penalties. A false statement regarding residence or entitlement to a tuition-free education from the Wappingers Central School District may be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. In addition, if it is determined that a registrant's child resides outside of the Wappingers Central School District, the District may take legal action to collect tuition charges. The tuition of \$9,495.00 (Regular Ed. K-6); \$10,324.00 (Regular Ed. 7-12); \$35,090.00 (Special Ed. K-6); \$35,919.00 (Special Ed. 7-12) per child per year if the student is not legally entitled to receive a tuition-free education from the District. The District reserves the right to investigate any student's residency by any legal means available including, but not limited to public records, site visits, and other lawful methods of investigation.

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

Signature of Witness (WCSD)

Signature of parent/guardian will confirm that they have read and understand the residency policy of the Wappingers Central School District and the consequences they might incur if false information is wrongfully provided.