



K-12 Student Enrollment Proof of Residency

Before any student is assigned to Watauga County Schools (WCS), the student's parent or legal guardian (legal guardianship requires additional documentation from a court or state agency; notary stamp is not accepted) must provide proof of legal residence in Watauga County.

All documents must be pre-printed with the name and Watauga County address of the student's parent or legal guardian. Documents must be presented at the time of enrollment, change of address or reassignment.

Applicants must submit any two (2) proofs of residency from the following list:

- Valid NC driver's license
 - Current vehicle registration
 - Water bill
 - Cable bill
 - HUD closing statement
 - Letter from approved agency
 - Valid North Carolina photo ID card
 - Gas bill
 - Electric bill
 - Telephone or cell phone bill
 - Copy of current lease
 - Copy of deed or record of most current mortgage statement
- Residency Affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy, notarized by a nonrelative. (Landlord must then also provide one document from this list in addition to the Residency Affidavit.)

Dated within past year:

- W-2 form
- Vehicle tax bill
- Property tax bill
- Medicaid card

Dated within 60 days:

- Payroll stub
- Bank or credit card statement

The school principal has the authority to review and accept alternate forms of proof in emergency cases.

If a family has difficulty providing these proofs of residency or is not allowed to enroll in a particular school due to residency issues, they may contact the Student Services Director for assistance or to file an appeal at 828-264-7190.

This residency process does **not** apply to homeless students, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act.