

Parkway School District
RESIDENCY CRITERIA

Under Missouri school law (RSMo 167.151), a student must be a resident in order to attend that district's public schools without charge. "The term residency shall mean that a person physically resides within a school district. The residency of a minor child shall be the residence of a parent, court-appointed legal guardian, or military-issued guardian. The student and parent must provide proof of residency in the district."

A student may not establish residency away from a legal guardian or parent for the sole purpose of enrolling in a district without the obligation of paying tuition. Non-resident students may make application to pay the district's tuition and such a request will be reviewed by the Board of Education. The Parkway Board of Education is responsible to its taxpayers to assure that attending students meet the residency requirements or pay tuition.

A student who is NOT living with parent(s)/legal guardian(s), who are both residents and live in the Parkway School District, and who wishes to be considered for enrollment in the Parkway School District, must comply with one of the following:

1. Pay the current rate of tuition \$11,444. annually**OR**
2. Establish resident status in the district by:
 - Living and residing within the Parkway School District boundaries with a legal resident of the district,**AND**
 - Providing an application defining the hardship for which the student is requesting a waiver**AND**
 - Presenting a notarized statement establishing a "Power of Attorney" to be given to the resident for the purpose of being educationally, medically and financially responsible for the student while he/she is living in the district, **AND**
 - Presenting two proofs of occupancy (rental agreement, real estate tax bill, etc.) of the resident who will be receiving the Power of Attorney,**OR**
3. Establish that the student qualifies under the "Homeless" legislation of the Stewart B. McKinney Act**OR**
4. Pupils who qualify under Sections 167.121, 167.151, and 167.020 (1-6) RSMo. (See back of sheet for explanation.)

All applications for any of the above must provide signatures. The signatures on the form will also acknowledge the understanding that if the student's living arrangement changes, the student may be immediately withdrawn and the parties held responsible for tuition. It is understood that the student's status is subject to constant review and, if permission is granted to enroll, it could be withdrawn as circumstances change or if the student does not remain in good standing.

"Any person who knowingly submits false information to satisfy any requirement of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. In addition to any other penalties authorized by law, a district board may file a civil action to recover, from the parent/legal guardian of the pupil, the costs of the school attendance for any pupil who was enrolled at a school in the district and whose parent/legal guardian filed false information to satisfy any requirement of this section (167.151RSMo.)."

Questions or requests may be addressed to the Board of Education's Designee

RESIDENT STUDENTS - POLICY JFAA GUIDELINES

- I. A. A child who lives within the boundaries of the district with a parent, court-appointed legal guardian, military-issued guardianship or other person having lawful custody of the child under an order of a court or governmental agency placement.
- B. An orphan child, a child with only one parent living, a child whose parents do not contribute to his/her support who has a home within the boundaries of the Parkway School District.
- C. A child whose parents are divorced or separated and who lives with one of the parents within the boundaries of the District. The parent with whom the child lives must have a letter from custodial parent indicating that he/she consents to the arrangement.
- D. A married pupil who lives with his/her spouse within the boundaries of the District.
- E. A pupil 17 years of age or older and emancipated by the parents, and lives within the boundaries of the District. In this context, a child is "emancipated" if there has been a total relinquishment of parental control by the parents and a freeing of the child from the care, custody, control, and service of the parents.
- F. A homeless child, meaning a child who lacks a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence, including a child who: (a) is living on the street, in a car, tent, abandoned building, or some other form of shelter not designed as a permanent home; (b) is living in a community shelter facility; (c) in transitional housing for less than one full year; (d) is abandoned in a hospital; (e) is awaiting foster care placement; or (f) is migratory and who lives in any of the circumstances described above.
- G. A child with a disability identified under state eligibility criteria if the child is living in district for reasons other than accessing the district's educational program.
- H. A child who has been granted a waiver of proof of residency requirement on the basis of hardship or good cause.
- I. A pupil who becomes 21 years of age may continue to attend high school through that school year in which the 21st birthday occurs. In special situations, the Superintendent of Schools may approve continued attendance of a pupil over 21 years of age until graduation from high school.
- II. A. One or both parents/legal guardians must accompany the student before student enrollment can begin.
- B. 1. Student living with parent/guardian in the district shall provide:
 - a. Deed/sales contract of residence, contract to lease/rent, current real estate tax receipt, or mortgage statement AND
 - b. One other current proof of residency such as: unpaid utility bill, credit card statement, employer's record of address, bank statement, or governmental acknowledgment of address (i.e., Social Security, welfare, voter registration, etc.).
- NOTE: All new enrollments must provide proof of residency.
2. In the event that the parent lives but does not own or rent in the Parkway School District, the parent/guardian shall provide:
 - a. A signed affidavit of residency by the property owner/lessee approved by superintendent's designee including proof of residency as in "B" above and
 - b. Parent/guardian proof of residency same as in "b" above.
- C. Residency requirements of an orphan shall be established by the person having custody of said child in the same manner as set forth in "B" above. In addition:
 1. Official birth certificate of child shall be provided and
 2. Death certificate of one or both parents.
- D. Residency requirements of a person having custody of a child under court order or governmental agency placement shall be established by the person having custody of said child in the same manner as set forth in "B" above. In addition:
 1. Court order of agency placement document shall be provided and
 2. Official birth certificate.
- E. Residency of a child whose parents are divorced or separated shall be established by the person with whom the child is living in the same manner as set forth in "B" above. In addition:
 1. If student is residing with custodial parent, copy of divorce decree.
 2. If student is residing with noncustodial parent, copy of divorce decree and letter from custodial parent indicating that he/she consents to the arrangement.
 3. If student is residing with both parents equally, court documentation indicating that child is residing an equal amount with both parents.
- F. Residency requirements of a married student who lives with his/her spouse shall be established by the student in the same manner as set forth in "B" above.
- G. Residency requirements of a student 17 years of age and who is emancipated by the parents shall be established by the student in the same manner as set forth in "B" above. In addition:
 1. Emancipation papers signed by parents.
- H. Residency requirements of a student 18 years of age shall be established by the student in the same manner as set forth in "B" above.
- I. Residency requirements of a student who is considered homeless shall be approved by district homeless coordinator.
- J. A resident who has a child residing with them and said resident is other than parent/court-appointed guardian must apply for residency waiver. If residency waiver is approved, residency requirements shall be the same as set forth in "B" above.
- K. New students in grades 9-12 who are 16 years of age or older and residents of the district will be allowed to enroll at the beginning of the semester, or upon transferring from another education setting. If there has been a period of six (6) weeks or more where a child has not been enrolled and attending another school, the enrollment may be denied. The student will then have to wait to enroll at the beginning of the next semester.
- L. The building registrar can process all applicants' enrollment when they provide appropriate documents except:
 1. Parents residing with a Parkway resident (B-2) and
 2. Student living with someone other than parent or court-appointed guardian (J).
- III. When a child is living (or plans to live) in the district with an adult other than the child's parent/guardian, such adult may apply for waiver of proof of residency on the basis of hardship or good cause. The applicant must provide the following: (a) Evidence that the adult lives in and is a resident of the district. (b) An application explaining the hardship or good cause which is the basis for the requested waiver. (c) Except where clearly not appropriate, an executed and enforceable Power of Attorney giving the resident the authority to make educational and medical decisions on behalf of the child. All applicants must schedule an appointment with the superintendent's designee to complete the waiver application process.
- IV. Foreign pupils will not be permitted to enroll unless they satisfy the residence requirements set out in Section I.
- V. The administration may investigate the residence and other circumstances of any child and may request appropriate persons to supply affidavits, certification and other information and documents concerning any factor relevant to the child's enrollment in the Parkway schools.

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS – JFAB BOARD POLICY

- Except as provided herein, children not entitled to free instruction may attend the district's schools only by paying tuition and only with the formal approval of the Board of Education.
1. A child's whose custodial parent, legal guardian, military-issued guardianship, or other person having lawful control under a court order has a present intention to move to a Parkway residence. A Permit to Enroll may be issued according to administrative guidelines.
 2. Regularly enrolled children who move out of the district during the school year may request approval to complete the current semester. A senior may complete an entire school year if s/he submits a formal request and successfully completes the junior year.
 3. Students whose custodial parents/guardians maintain property within Parkway and pay school tax may apply to attend a Parkway school by submitting an Application.
 4. Students who apply through the St. Louis Voluntary Student Transfer Program.
 5. A nonresident child attending a regional or cooperative alternative education program or an alternative education program on a contractual basis.
 6. A child who is a ward of the state and has been placed in a residential care facility located in the district.
 7. A child placed in a residential care facility located in the district due to mental illness or developmental disability.
 8. A child placed in a residential facility located in the district by juvenile court.
 9. Other nonresident children who have statutory right to enroll in the district with the district of residence paying the tuition.
 10. Other nonresident school-aged children may attend only with formal approval of the BOE.
 11. The Missouri Commissioner of Education may assign nonresident students to Parkway School District.