

Students

ADMISSION

No student shall be admitted unconditionally to any District school without meeting the requirements of the Immunization Policy. (BP 5141.31)

Kindergarten Enrollment

To be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, a student must be 5 years old on or before December 2 of the current school year.

The parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student, prior to admission to kindergarten or first grade, shall present proof to the District evidencing that child is of legal age for admission. The legal evidences of age, in order of desirability, are as follows:

1. Certificate of birth
2. Baptismal certificate, duly attested
3. Passport
4. Affidavit of parent, guardian or custodian of minor

First Grade Enrollment

To be eligible for enrollment in first grade, a student must be 6 years old on or before December 2 of the current school year.

First Grade Enrollment Exceptions

A student enrolled in kindergarten for less than one (1) full year may be admitted to the first grade at the discretion of the principal and upon determination that the student is ready for first grade work. Admission shall be subject to the following minimum criteria:

1. The student is at least five (5) years of age.
2. The student has been evaluated by school personnel.
3. The parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of the student have filed a written statement with the school district approving the placement in first grade.

Residency

Prior to admission, students living within the District must provide proof of residency.

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Residency (continued)

A student may establish residency by providing evidence deemed sufficient by the District that he/she lives with a parent/guardian within the District, is an emancipated minor living in the District, is in the court-appointed care of a licensed foster home, family home or licensed children's institution within the District or lives in the home of a care-giving adult within the District. (Education Code, 48200, 48204)

The District shall retain a copy of the document or written verification offered as proof of residency.

If a District employee believes that a parent/guardian has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to determine whether the student resides in the District.

The student not residing within the District may be deemed a District resident if the student is confined to a District area hospital or residential care facility for treatment of a temporary disability. (Education Code 48206.3-48208)

Reasonable evidence of residency may be established by documentation, including but not limited to the following: (Education Code 48204.6)

- a. A notarized statement signed under penalty of perjury from a property owner that the student and the legal guardian are residents of property located within the school district.
- b. A grant deed to residence property or a lease agreement to residence property located within the District.
- c. A Southern California Edison electric bill.
- d. A confirmed copy of an appropriate, filed tax exemption claim form stating the residence for which a property tax homeowner exemption is claimed.
- e. A voter registration certificate stating the residence for purposes of voting.

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Residency (continued)

In order to be enrolled, a student must reside within the boundaries of the District and actually live within those boundaries not less than six (6) nights per week when school is in session. Residence may not be solely for the purpose of attending school in the District. In cases where there is court-ordered joint custody of a minor student and only one parent resides in the District, the student must maintain his/her residence with the parent that resides in the District and the student must actually live with that parent at least 50% of the time.

The parent or legal guardian of the student affected by the District's residency determination may appeal such determination to the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the District within five (5) school days from the date that the parent or legal guardian was notified of the residency determination.

The parent or legal guardian is entitled to a meeting with District personnel. The District will review the appeal and notify the parent or legal guardian of its final residency determination within ten (10) school days. If the District determines on appeal that the student is not a resident of the District, that student will be denied enrollment or removed from District enrollment. The District's residency determination on appeal is final.

Student Residency: Caregiver

When a Caregiver has lawfully executed a Caregiver Authorization Affidavit pursuant to sections 6550, et seq., of the California Family Code, and has otherwise met any and all other legal requirements, a properly identified student living in the Caregiver's home shall be deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the East Whittier City School District.

- A. A student is considered to be living in the Caregiver's home if all of the following are true:
4. The student's personal property is kept at the Caregiver's home.
 5. The student spends the night at the Caregiver's home on all nights immediately preceding a school day, and on at least six (6) out of seven (7) days of each and every week during the year, vacations out of the area excluded.

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Student Residency: Caregiver (continued)

6. The Caregiver is legally eligible to and does in fact declare the student as a dependent on the Caregiver's federal and state tax returns. No other person may declare the student a dependent on any tax return.
 7. The student does not receive any mail or maintain any telephone service at any address other than the Caregiver's address, or if mail is received at another address the student has informed the senders and the U.S. Post Office of his or her change of address.
 8. Legal documents and any other interaction with the local, state or federal government identifies the student's address as being at the Caregiver's address.
 9. The student has not entered into or continued a living arrangement with a Caregiver for the purpose of attending school in the East Whittier City School District.
- B. When registering a student whose residency is based upon the Caregiver Authorization Affidavit, the following supporting documentation will be required:
1. Licensed Foster Home
 - a. Actual foster home license with name and address of the Caregiver (copy to be kept in student's cum).
 - b. Telephone call to verify that it is a valid license that is still in effect.
 2. Qualified Relative as designated on Caregiver Determination of Relationship provide one (1) of the following:
 - a. Certified birth certificate
 - b. Registered religious document (baptismal records, etc.)
 - c. Passport
 - d. Marriage license
 - e. Death certificates
 - f. Affidavit by a licensed clergy person
 - g. Divorce documents.

ADMISSION (continued)Determination of Relationship

After the identity of the person claiming to be a relative has been established, the following may be used to prove the degree of the relationship. If the child is:

Son or Daughter	Child's birth certificate.
Stepson or Stepdaughter	Child's birth certificate (and marriage license of child's parent and stepparent if it is the unrelated stepparent registering the child).
Half-brother or Half-sister	Child's birth certificate and half-brother or sister's birth certificate.
Step-brother or Step-sister	Certificate showing the common parent.
Niece or Nephew	Child's birth certificate, birth certificate of mother or father who is related to the aunt or uncle, and birth certificate of the aunt or uncle.
Aunt or Uncle	Same as for niece or nephew.
First Cousin	Child's birth certificate, first cousin's birth certificate, birth certificates of the related parents of the cousins.
Grandson or Granddaughter	Child's birth certificate, the birth certificate of the child's parent who is the son or daughter of the grandparent.
Great Grandson or Great Granddaughter	Same as grandparent but add birth certificate of the child's grandparent who is the son or daughter of the great grandparent.
Other Great or Grand relative	Add another step back to the relative shown above.
Brother or Sister	Child's birth certificate, brother or sister's birth certificate.