



PEARL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you make plans for the summer and the upcoming school year, we are pleased to announce that we will continue online registration for the 2021-2022 school year. This will allow you to avoid lines at verification of residency, thus saving time. You should receive information with your child's report card providing you with instructions about how to register. You will be able to register your child using your ActiveParent account. Proofs of residency may be submitted by uploading them through your ActiveParent account during online registration. Please see the instructions enclosed with your child's report card.

In addition to the online registration process, **every** Pearl student must verify residency prior to the beginning of the school year. For those who do not submit proofs online, the following dates and locations have been scheduled for parents to submit copies of **two (2)** proofs of residency prior to the beginning of school on August 6, 2021.

Residency Verification: July 27 & July 28, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (both days)

Grades PK-5: Pearl Lower Elementary Cafeteria

Grades 6-8: Pearl Junior High School Main Building

Grades 9-12: Pearl High School Commons

The information below reflects policy guidelines approved by the school board. ***EVERY SCHOOL YEAR THE CUSTODIAL PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SUBMIT 2 CURRENT PROOFS OF RESIDENCY IN PEARL.*** The custodial parent's or legal guardian's name and the physical address of the residence must appear on each of the 2 proofs.

Proof # 1 must be one of the following:

- A. Filed Homestead Exemption Application form
- B. Current mortgage document or property deed
- C. Current lease
- D. Current property management lease/contract listing the parent/legal guardian as an occupant

Proof # 2 must be one of the following:

- A. Current **gas** bill (within two months of the time residency is verified by school personnel) showing the service location
- B. Current **electric** bill (within two months of the time residency is verified by school personnel) showing the service location
- C. Current **land line telephone** bill (within two months of the time residency is verified by school personnel) showing the service location
- D. Current **cable/direct television** bill (within two months of the time the residency is being verified by school personnel) showing the service location
- E. Current **water** bill (within two months of the time residency is verified by school personnel) showing the service location

We will also comply with the city ordinance 2010-412, Section 16 -9, which went in to effect March of 2010. The ordinance references misrepresentations of residency for school enrollment as unlawful, and any violation will be a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 90 days and/or a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.

REMINDERS:

Parents/ Guardians sharing residence with the lessee of a property management company should be listed as "tenant or occupant" on the lease agreement along with the primary occupant or official lessee.

Keep in mind that, in addition to two proofs of residency, other items are necessary to enroll a student in our district depending upon the school/grade level of the student (i.e., custody papers, immunization records, birth certificates, withdrawal forms, discipline records, etc.).

You will need to submit online or bring copies of your two proofs **for each child** who attends a Pearl school on July 27 or July 28. Please complete online registration prior to providing verification of residency. The first day of school for students is August 6, 2021, and we look forward to a great 2021-2022 school year. I wish you a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Morgigno, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools