

# Enrollment FAQs

**Q: If I move outside of my child's school zone, can my child remain enrolled?**

A: No

**Q: My child's primary residence (or physical custody) is with my ex-wife/husband. Can I enroll him/her?**

A: No, Shelby County School policy limits enrollment to only Shelby County residents within our school zones who have custody of a child. While both parents may have rights, enrollment is with the primary legal custodial parent.

**Q: How do I find out which school my child is zoned to attend?**

A: Zone lines in our district can be tricky. We highly recommend verifying your address with our transportation department before purchasing or renting a new home. You can call our transportation department at 205-682-7130 to verify your school zone.

**Q: What is the age for a student entering 1st grade?**

A: A student must be six years old on or before December 31.

**Q: What is the age to enter kindergarten?**

A: A student must be five years old on or before September 1.

**Q: My residence is in another county but I reside in a city within your school zone. Can I attend a Shelby County School?**

A: No. Shelby County School System is a county system with specific zone lines.

**Q: I have a senior and my family is moving outside of my current school zone. Can my child stay and graduate with their class?**

A: If you have a senior you can contact Student Services at 205-682-7046 and request an Out of Zone application. A committee will review the application and make a determination. Considerations for seniors will be given based on the student being in good standing academically, and as it relates to attendance and discipline. There is a fee if approved.

**Q: I want to send my son/daughter to stay with my relative to attend school in Shelby County. Can I complete a delegation of parental authority and enroll them in Shelby County Schools?**

A: No. Shelby County School policy limits enrollment to only Shelby County residents within our school zones who have legal custody of a child.

**Q: I am living with my parents, friend or relative. I do not have a lease or deed in my name. What do I do?**

A: You will need to contact the school to set up an appointment to complete the necessary legal paperwork. Residency will be verified.