



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

Morton School District #214

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Policy:

3119 Residency

Section:

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It is the policy of the Morton School Board that the basis for enrollment of students is the student's principal place of residence in the Morton School District boundaries. The student's principal place of residence is the home, house, apartment, facility, structure, or location, etc., where the student lives the majority of the time.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) must provide two documents to verify residency at a specific address within the Morton School District boundaries unless they attempt to apply for enrollment as a choice student. Examples of appropriate documents include current telephone, utility or cable bills; lease or mortgage information; insurance documents; or documents from public agencies such as courts or the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Additional verification of guardianship and/or residence may be required.

Generally, a student's residence is the principal abode of his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s); exceptions are outlined below. The following locations do not constitute places of residence: secondary homes or other property (whether rented, leased or owned); places of business apart from primary residences; or addresses designated only for mail receipt.

Falsifying an address or residence (or conditions of living arrangement) to obtain a school assignment will cause revocation of the student's school assignment and return to the proper district.

Exceptions

Students who live in a foster home, officially established group home to which they have been legally assigned, residential treatment center, or juvenile detention are considered to be residents of the attendance area in which the foster home, group home, or other such facility is located.

Students under the joint custody of separated or divorced parent(s) or guardian(s) are considered residents of the attendance area where the student resides with a parent or guardian, subject to residence verification and the provisions of a parenting plan or divorce decree if applicable.

Students 18 years of age or older not living under the care and custody of a parent/guardian, or legally emancipated minor students, are considered to be residents of the attendance area in which they reside, subject to comparable For non-emancipated minor students, address verification is required of parent(s) or guardian(s).

Students who are homeless are assigned pursuant to the requirements of federal law.

The Morton School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Josh Brooks, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5137 (Title IX); Tami Muth, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5143 (ADA Coordinator/Compliance Coordinator for 28A.640 and 28A.642); Becky Brooks, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5137 (Section 504); Chelssi Hanger, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5137 (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Compliance Officer)

International Students

Under federal law, international (foreign) students in the U.S. on an F-1 Student Visa may enroll in a public high school (grades 9-12) on a tuition basis for a period not in excess of twelve (12) months, as long as they live in the home of a permanent Morton School District resident and are under the care and guardianship of that resident. Students are subject to standard rules applicable to resident students.

Under federal law, international (foreign) students in the U.S. on a J-1 Visa participating in a recognized student exchange program and living with a permanent Morton School District resident may enroll in a Morton Public Schools high school (grades 9-12) without tuition payment. Students are subject to standard rules applicable to resident students.

The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service must be advised by the student whenever an international (foreign) student transfers from the assigned school. If the student changes address without transferring from the assigned school or otherwise changes any of the conditions under which the original I-20 form was issued, the student is required to report such change to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.