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Lafayette School District Adopts New District Residency Policy

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The Lafayette School District adopted a new District Residency regulation in the August 25 Board Meeting. In an effort to be consistent with the types of information that the Acalanes Union High School District uses to determine residency, the Board approved and adopted the 3rd reading of form AR 5111.1(a). The Policy thoroughly addresses the Criteria for Residency and Proof of Residency. The Criteria for Residency include: 1) The student's parent/guardian resides within district boundaries. (Education Code 48200 and cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children are cited.); 2) The student is placed within district boundaries in a regularly established licensed children's institution, a licensed foster home, or a family home pursuant to a court-ordered commitment or placement. (EC 48204); 3) The student has been admitted through the district's interdistrict attendance program (EC 48204); 4) The student resides with a caregiving adult who meets district residency requirements (EC 48204 and cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction); and 5) District residency status may be granted to a student if at least one parent/guardian is physically employed within district boundaries (EC 48204). Proof of Residency must be provided prior to admission to district schools and the district "may annually verify the student's residency" for their permanent record. (5 CCR 432) Three acceptable verification documents relating to identification, residency and employment are required to establish Proof of Residency. Utility bills are no longer accepted for residency verification. A complete copy of the policy and its particulars can be obtained directly from the Lafayette School District. The district website is www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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