



Topic: Residency – Split Residency

“Who has the responsibility to serve a child who lives with their parent on weekends but stays with their uncle during the week? The mother and uncle live in different school districts. (Mother has parental rights.)”

Rule 19 School Enrollment

002.16 Resident shall mean a person who has his or her residence in a place. It should be noted that the Legislature has specifically provided in Section 79-215 (1) R.R.S. that, except as otherwise provided in §79-215 R.R.S., a student is a resident of the school district where he or she resides and shall be admitted to any such school district upon request without charge. The Legislature has also provided in §79-215 R.R.S. for several circumstances in which a student either shall or may be enrolled in a school district in which they are not a resident. (See Appendix C). For example, a school board shall admit a student upon request without charge if at least one of the student’s parents resides in the school district. (Section 79-215(2) R.R.S.).

- The parent may enroll the child in the district in which she resides.

OR

- The uncle may enroll the child in the district in which he resides. He would complete the enrollment form found in Rule 19, Appendix A, stating that he is acting as person in charge or control of the child as designated by the parent.

NOTE: This information provided on residency applies to children and youth in general education as well as special education.

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