

CHANGES IN RESIDENCY OR CUSTODY

All residency and custody changes must be reported to RCS Welcome Center, located at 1555 Graham Rd., within 10 days of the legal date change.

Providing information directly to your child's school is NOT sufficient notification.

Any change in residency

Moving anywhere within or out of Reynoldsburg City School District boundaries - requires new proof of residency be presented in the form of a signed lease, settlement statement, or notarized friends or family affidavit **and** a current utility bill, paystub or official mail.

No changes in transportation will be made until all required documents are received by the Welcome Center.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homeless children and youth as those who "lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence"

Please ask to speak to the enrollment representative if you are in transitional housing.

Custody changes

Require finalized court papers to be on file, in accordance with Ohio law - including but not limited to:

Divorce or Dissolution – including both judgment entry and decree,
New, or changes in existing Shared Parenting Plans - including both plan and decree

Grandparent's POA (aka HB130) – notarized and FILED,

Foster or Kinship placements - ICCA and journal entry

Failure to present required documents to the Welcome Center within 10 days of the legal change will constitute a falsification of applications and/or enrollment documents resulting in denial of all new or existing Open Enrollment, Intra-district Agreement or School of Choice requests.

Seeking Guardianship, Custody or Reallocation of Parental Rights:

If you are **not** the biological mother, school placement parent, or are the biological father (not married to or divorced from the student's biological mother) - you must seek legal guardianship or custody, or request a reallocation of parental rights through a court in order for the child to be enrolled in Reynoldsburg City Schools.

Notarized statements / POA from the current custodial parent(s) are NOT acceptable.

Guardianship: Granted through the court, usually temporary or expiring on the child's 18th birthday.

This is valid ONLY in the state in which it is granted. **If you are coming from outside of Ohio, you must have jurisdiction transferred from the original court to an Ohio court before enrollment is possible.**

Custody: Granted through the court, usually long term. Temporary or Emergency Orders granted by the court are acceptable for enrollment. Unless otherwise restricted in the order, permanent custody granted outside of Ohio is generally acceptable.

Reallocation of Parental Rights: Only the parent designated as School Placement Parent (or similar phrasing) in a divorce or shared parenting agreement may enroll a child in school. District of Residence is determined by that parent's address. The parent not designated as SPP must petition the court of original jurisdiction for a Reallocation of Parental Rights (or similar phrasing) requesting that he/she be named as such. This may be done through mediation, *but not considered finalized until the order has been signed by a judge and filed in the court.*

Unwed Parents: In the State of Ohio, parental rights default solely to the mother of all children born to unwed couples after January 1, 1998, until otherwise ordered by a court. Fathers must have an affidavit of paternity AND *court-granted custodial rights* in order to enroll the child in school and participate in any educational decisions both disciplinary and academic.

In any of these scenarios, filing a motion and being given a hearing date (with proper documentation of such) is sufficient for school enrollment – HOWEVER

This is only valid for a maximum of 60 calendar days as allowed under ORC 3313.64. The case **must be fully executed** before this time lapses if the child is to remain in school. This means that your case has been heard and decided and the order has been **signed by a judge and filed in court**. Simply going through mediation is NOT resolution until it has been signed by the judge and filed in the court.

During the 60 calendar days, Reynoldsburg School District charges tuition for session days as allowed under ORC 3317.08. This is payable in full before a child can begin school. The rate is determined by the Ohio Department of Education each year. Tuition will be refunded if the custody order is submitted to the Welcome Center before the deadline.

House Bill 130 (Grandparents Power of Attorney): This is a short term agreement which extends parental rights to biological grandparents without taking any away from the custodial parent. It is only valid while a student is residing full-time with the grandparent. The order allows the grandparent to enroll the child in school and attend functions as the custodial parent would. It must be filed in the court, but is a very quick and inexpensive procedure as opposed to any of the options above.

In Franklin County:

When a parent is in agreement/available to come to court: Probate Court 614-525-3841
373 S High St, 22nd Floor

When parents are not in agreement or not available: Probate Court, Juvenile Court
Family Assessment Office 614-525-4460
373 S High St, 4th Floor