

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School: AHS JHS Doering Clark Granger Phelps Robinson ECC

PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (Signed notarized affidavit expires 1 year – No Exceptions)

School Committee Policy JHD, Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance, as well as Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 76, Section 5, before any student is assigned to attend Agawam Public Schools, the student’s parent or legal guardian must prove legal residence in the Town of Agawam. Families whose primary residence is outside of Agawam are not eligible to attend Agawam Public Schools.

Effective November 15, 2005, all applicants must submit at least three proofs of residency. Documents must be pre-printed with the name and address of the student’s parent or legal guardian and must be presented at the time of registration.

These documents also will be required for any change of address.

| All applicants must submit at least one document From <u>each</u> of the following columns: | | |
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| Column A | Column B | Column C |
| <p>Own or rent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Deed AND/OR record of most recent mortgage payment • Copy of Lease AND record of most recent rent payment <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Subsidized Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notarized Legal affidavit from landlord/manager affirming tenancy • Section 8 agreement | <p>A utility bill or work order dated within the past 60 days, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas bill • Oil bill • Electric bill • Home telephone bill • Cable bill • WIC/Mass Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid driver’s license • Current vehicle registration • Valid Massachusetts photo identification card • Valid passport <p>Dated within the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W-2 form • Excise (vehicle) tax bill • Property tax bill <p>Dated within the past 60 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from approved government agency • Payroll stub • Bank or credit card statement |

Legal guardianship requires additional documentation from a court or agency. If living with friends or relatives, the friend or relative will need to provide (3) forms of their “proof of residence” in addition to your (3) forms of “proof of residence” If you are unable to provide any one document from each column you must contact the central office to set up a meeting with our residency coordinator, John Nettis, 413-523-0481.

Please note: In Massachusetts, entitlement to public education is based on residency. Per the above referenced section, “Every person shall have a right to attend the public schools of the town where he actually resides; subject to the following section.” Courts have consistently focused the residence inquiry on the actual, day-to-day residence of the student, Board of Education v Amesbury, 16 Mass App. Ct. 508,452 N.E.2d 302 (1998). It is the child’s residence which determines the assignment of responsibility for educational matters. Walker Home for Children, Inc. v Franklin, 416 Mass 291, 621 N.E.

Please report residency fraud! Call anonymously to the Student Assignment Office.