KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Boston Public Schools has implemented a <u>new</u> Proof of Residency Policy that requires THREE documents to prove you live in the city of Boston.

This new policy applies to anyone trying to register a child or change address.

If your child is living in Boston, your child has a right to attend the Boston Public Schools regardless of your housing situation or immigration status.

What happens if you can't produce the documents required?

- **If you are living with a relative or friend because of loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons you could qualify as "homeless." If your family qualifies as "homeless," your child would be placed in school right away. You may be referred to the Family Resource Center Director or the Homeless Initiative Office.**

- **If you are living with a relative or friend, you may choose to have that person fill out an affidavit. For more information on this option, ask the staff at the FRC.**

- **If you have some, but not all of the documents, you can request an appeal. BPS will work to verify that you are a current resident of Boston. You should know, however, that your child will not be able to register until <u>after</u> BPS verifies you are a current resident of Boston.**

- **The School Department has a policy of keeping your information confidential. If you have any questions or concerns about this, ask the staff at the Family Resource Center or call us at the number below.**

Call us immediately if you have any problems registering your child because of the new policy or if your appeal takes longer than 2 days.

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List of documents required by BPS are listed on the back of this document.

NEW procedures for

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

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

All applicants must submit at least **one document**
from each of the following columns:

Column A	Column B	Column C
• Copy of Deed **AND** record of most recent mortgage payment • Copy of Lease (including BHA and HUD leases) **AND** record of most recent rent payment • Legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy **AND** record of most recent rent payment • Section 8 agreement	*A utility bill dated within the past 60 days, including:* • Gas bill • Oil bill • Electric bill • Home telephone bill • Cable bill	• Valid driver's license • Current vehicle registration • Valid Massachusetts photo identification card • Valid passport *Dated within the past year:* • W-2 form • Excise (vehicle) tax bill • Property tax bill *Dated within the past 60 days:* • Letter from approved government agency • Payroll stub • Bank or credit card statement

* Legal guardianship requires additional documentation from a court or agency.

This residency policy does not apply to homeless students.

For more information about this new residency policy and for registration contact or go to the closest Family Resource Center.

North Zone Madison Park Complex, 55 Malcom X Blvd., Roxbury, MA 617 635 9010	East Zone Campbell Resource Center, 1216 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 617 635 8015	West Zone Barron Building, 515 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale, MA 617 635 8040

You will find an explanation of this new residency policy on the back of this document.