



Enrollment requirements for SD83 schools

Ordinarily resident in British Columbia – Section 82(1) of the School Act states: "a board must provide free of charge to every student of school age resident in British Columbia and enrolled in an educational program in a school operated by the board, instruction in an educational program." Section 82(2) states "for the purposes of subsection (1), a student is resident in British Columbia if the student and the guardian of the student are ordinarily resident in British Columbia."

Enrollment for School Age Students Ordinarily Resident in BC and Living with Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must personally visit the school they wish their child to attend and provide the following documentation:

- Acceptable Documents for Proof of Name, Date of Birth, and Sex (Gender): Student's **original** birth certificate, passport, provincial ID card, Canadian citizenship card, Canadian adoption order, permanent resident card, BC Services Card with photo, BC Care Card.
- Proof of BC residency by providing two of the following: driver's License/BC ID card, most recent property tax statement, most recent notice of assessment, home owner's insurance or rental insurance, most recent utility bill, a rental agreement signed by landlord with landlord's telephone number, BC vehicle registration, current pay stub).

Non-resident School Age Students (Parents(s)/Legal Guardian(s) live in another Jurisdiction)

Jurisdiction is defined as not ordinarily resident in the province of BC. Whether the student is from another province or from another country, the student will be considered non-resident.

Guardianship:

A person cannot become a child's guardian by agreement except if the person is the child's parent, or if guardianship is transferred by agreement under the *Adoption Act*, or the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* [Section 50 of the *Family Law Act*].

According to the Ministry of Education's policy on "Eligibility of Students for Operating Grant Funding", a person may be appointed as a child's guardian in only three ways:

1. by court order,
2. in a will made in accordance with the *Wills Act* (alternatively, a guardian may be appointed by prescribed form – see section 27 of the [Family Law Act Regulation](#)),
3. by a guardian who is facing terminal illness or permanent mental incapacity, provided the appointment is made in the prescribed form (see section 27 of the [Family Law Act Regulation](#)). [Sections 51, 52, 53 and 55 of the *Family Law Act*].

If the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) doesn't meet one of the three guardianship scenarios described above, contact the Office of the Superintendent.

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