

SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL HANDBOOK



Our Sunset Ridge School Handbook provides guidelines to help parents, staff, and students work together to maintain a welcoming and academically challenging learning community for all members of our school. Guidelines are reviewed annually. Please let us know if you need additional information.

ENROLLMENT

RESIDENCY

CONDITIONS: The right to attend school tuition-free at Sunset Ridge School District 29 is extended only to residents who live within District 29 boundaries. The Illinois School Code provides that a student's residence generally is deemed to be the residence of a person who has legal custody of the student. Legal custody typically exists in the following manner:

- ✚ The student resides with a birth or adoptive parent who has custody;
- ✚ The student resides with a person other than a parent for reasons other than to attend School District 29 schools and that person has been granted custody by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- ✚ The student resides with an adult other than a parent for reasons other than to attend School District 29 schools, and that adult has demonstrated that he/she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the student and provides the student with a regular fixed night-time abode.

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: Foster children who are wards of the State and are placed with a foster parent or in another type of child care facility within the District will be permitted to attend school on a tuition-free basis. Foster parents must establish residency within the District, like any other parent, and shall be deemed the Surrogate Parent for purposes of educational decision-making.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY: Residency must be proved at the time of the student's enrollment or registration, in accordance with District policy. Information regarding the documents acceptable for verifying residency is provided during the District's registration process and available at the District's offices. Any student suspected of being a non-resident may be required to pay tuition and/or leave the District following opportunity for a hearing before the School Board. Fraudulent enrollment is a criminal offense.

STUDENT PLACEMENT: The placement process considers each child's academic, social, and personal needs and is designed to create balanced classrooms. The instructional staff at each child's current grade level including support staff, the Director of Student Services, and the Principal work together as a team to place students into instructional groups.

Parents may provide information concerning a child's social, emotional, and/or academic development. This information is also considered in creating class assignments. Parents are asked to refrain from making requests that children be assigned to specific teachers. If parents have unique and special information, they may forward written comments to the classroom teacher and the Principal on or before the last Friday in April of each school year.

RESIDENCY CHANGE AFTER SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS: If a family changes residency after the first official day of school, they may finish the school year provided they are able to have a plan in place to have their child on time for school and picked up at dismissal time. To continue beyond that school year, parents would have to petition the School Board and notify the principal. Tuition fees are set if a request from a family living out of district is accepted.