



2020 – 2021

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Information

**ALL Ninth (9th) Grade students will be required to provide proof of residency, in accordance with JCSS policy and the corresponding procedures.**

### Acceptable Proof Residency

#### **Jones County Residents – Property Owners**

The following items are acceptable proofs of residency for FULL TIME residents:

- Current property tax statement in the name of the property owner indicating homestead status, **OR**
- Mortgage statement,

#### **AND**

- An additional proof of residency to include:
  - current utility bill (electricity) **or**
  - initiation of service from a power company in the name of the enrolling parent/guardian, (water bills will **NOT** be accepted),
- If the family has a purchase contract on a home – The contract should have the complete address, all signatures, and a closing date **within 30 days of the date the student will start school.**

#### **Jones County Residents – Renters**

The following items are acceptable proofs of residency:

- If the family has a rental agreement, the lease or rental agreement should have a start date and an end date **OR** month to month providing revisions for additional house guest aside from the renter, rental agreement requires the name and contact number of the property owner. If utilities are included in the rental agreement, the contract provided must indicate which utilities are included.
- Only rental agreements will be accepted. ***No handwritten agreements or generic rental agreements will be accepted.***

#### **AND**

- Two additional proofs of residency include:
  - Current utility bill (electricity) **OR**
  - Disconnect of Service from Previous Residence
  - Department of Labor Letter / Filing **or**
  - Recent paycheck stub / IRS filing with address included
  - Car Insurance filing with address and name of parent/guardian who is listed on the rental agreement **OR**
  - Bank Statement with address of affidavit filing

## 2020-2021 School Contact Information

Due to the concerns of Covid-19, all Residency (ONLY) documentation can be emailed to the school starting July 7, 2020.

Parents/Guardians of High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades) students are requested to scan all Residency (ONLY) documents and email them to Jones County High School at:

[jchsregistration@jones.k12.ga.us](mailto:jchsregistration@jones.k12.ga.us)

Download from your mobile App Store any of the following programs:

- Microsoft Office Lens – PDF Scanner
- Smart Doc Scanner
- Mobile Scanner App
- Genius Scan

**\*\* If the document is not clear, the original copy will be requested. \*\***

**Families applying for an affidavit must call the school and make an appointment**

**- Once Residency documents are scanned, they can be emailed to the following schools.**

**- \*\*Please Put Your Student's LEGAL Name in the Subject of the Email!\*\***

Jones County High School: [jchsregistration@jones.k12.ga.us](mailto:jchsregistration@jones.k12.ga.us)

If you have any questions, please contact Jones County High School.

Phone: (478) 986-5444  
339 Railroad Street  
Gray, GA 31032

## Residency Affidavits

**Due to the concerns of Covid-19, PLEASE CALL (478) 986-5444 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

Residency Affidavits are REQUIRED for students new to the Jones County School System and are accepted at all Jones County Schools during the school year. Affidavit filings for the coming school year will not be accepted until the filing window opens for the 2020 – 2021 school year. **This form was emailed out to all parents on July 6, 2020.**

### 2020 – 2021 Residency Affidavit Requirements:

If the family resides with a full-time resident of Jones County, the parent/guardian needs to complete an Affidavit of Residency and attach the proof of residency of the person who is the property owner with whom they reside. The Property owner needs to provide a copy of their current year property tax statement and current electrical bill statement. **Both parties must be present to sign the form in front of a notary at the school of attendance.**

**All applicants for a Residency Affidavit must provide a copy of all required documentation.**

The parent/guardian residing with the **property owner** must show proof of residency to the address listed on the affidavit.

Acceptable proofs include a minimum of three (3) of the following:

- Disconnect of Utilities at previous address,
- DFCS documentation, if available
- Employer documentation (e.g. health insurance, previously issued W-2 or Form 1099, pay stub) which evidences the location of the legal residence,
- Department of Labor assistance letter identifying name and physical address.
- Car Insurance Statement with address of affidavit filing
- Bank Statement with address of affidavit filing
- Three (3) significant pieces of mail (equivalent to one (1) proof of residence)

**ALL AFFIDAVITS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW OR REVOCATION. ALL AFFIDAVITS ARE SUBJECT TO HOME VISITS FOR RESIDENCY VERIFICATION.**

Under filing of a residency affidavit, the school system's procedures and guidelines include:

- Residency Affidavits are valid for the active school year the affidavit is filed in.
- **All affidavits expire at the close of the school year of issuance.**
- Partial or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Referral to the family to the Department of Family and Children Services under the guidelines of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for additional assistance may occur.
- Guardianship documents from court or DFCS must be provided to the school if the person registering the student is not the parent.

**PENALTIES:**

- **Anyone providing false information may be prosecuted, held criminally liable, and punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one, nor more than five (5) years, or both, if found guilty of false swearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. §16-10-71.**
- **Immediate dismissal from school.**
- **Per Diem fines for educational and related services accessed as a nonresident, which are based on the number of days the student attended school and the average per pupil cost to the district.**

*The school system reserves the right to request additional information or substitute required forms under special circumstances.*

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