

## **J-5 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS**

All Opelika City School students must live within the Opelika City limits and reside with parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Guardianship papers must be executed and copies delivered to the school principal prior to the first day of attendance, unless the Superintendent recognizes extenuating circumstances and permits an extension of time. A student must be 19 years old or older to establish a residence without a parent or legal guardian. Guardianship or custodianship generated for school enrollment or school zone changes will not be recognized by the school district for enrollment in the Opelika City Schools.

The student must reside everyday with the guardian. If the school principal receives one (1) of the following complaints, the attendance supervisor will make a home visit:

- Student does not reside with the parent or court approved/appointed guardian;
- Guardianship papers have not been properly executed;
- Guardian does not live within the Opelika City limits.

If the attendance supervisor cannot confirm residency and/or guardianship,

the principal will notify the guardian that the student will be immediately un-enrolled from school. The guardian may appeal this decision, in writing, to the Superintendent. A hearing panel will be convened and consist of the Superintendent or designee, attendance supervisor and principal(s). The guardian will be informed of the decision of the panel.

If joint custody has been awarded and one of the parents reside within the Opelika City limits, the student will be eligible to attend the Opelika City Schools if the student is living with that custodian for at least three (3) days during each school week.

Guardianship papers must be recertified annually through the Lee County Probate Judge's office. A copy must be presented to the school principal(s).

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