



## Frequently Asked Questions About Residency Fraud

### **What is considered to be “true residency”?**

A San Francisco resident is an individual who is a full time occupant of a dwelling located in San Francisco who, on any given day, is likely to be at their stated address when not in work or in school. A minor’s residence is presumed to be the legal residence of the parent(s) or guardian(s) who have physical custody of the minor. Temporary residence in San Francisco, solely for the purpose of attending a SFUSD school, shall not be considered residency.

### **I live outside of San Francisco, but I also own property in the City. Can I use my San Francisco address to enroll in school in SFUSD since I pay taxes in the City?**

A person who owns property in San Francisco, but does not reside in San Francisco, is not considered a resident. Business addresses may not be used as residences.

### **What is residency fraud?**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are committing residency fraud if they submit an address that is not their true residence in the application and enrollment process or in other documents submitted to the District.

### **What happens if the parents do not live together?**

If the parents are separated and live at different addresses, the student must physically reside with the custodial parent at the reported San Francisco address for at least 50% of the time.

### **What happens if the District investigates and I am caught using a false address?**

The student will be withdrawn from school and the parent must reimburse the District for investigative costs. In the past, these costs have ranged from \$400 to \$5000. The District may also pursue civil or criminal action against anyone making false claims.

If the child does not reside in the City, they must enroll into their district of residence. An interdistrict permit will not be approved for enrollment into SFUSD for one year after revocation of enrollment due to fraud.

If it is determined that a false address is used to obtain a school assignment, and the family lives within the City, the child will be withdrawn from the present school and may re-enroll into a school with openings at the time. An assignment will not be offered into an over-subscribed school.

### **Can my child enroll into a SFUSD school if we live outside of San Francisco?**

Any child may apply for an interdistrict permit request if they live outside of San Francisco. Non-residents do not participate in the regular enrollment process. Placement into schools will be granted only after all SF residents have been placed, usually in June or July, on a space-available basis.

**If the District alleges that I may have used a false address, can I challenge the decision?**

If the parent/guardian feels that the District's decision to revoke enrollment was made in error, s/he may submit a letter and supporting evidence to the EPC within 7 days of notification to challenge the decision. The parent will receive a meeting with a representative from the EPC to discuss the challenge. The district will respond within a reasonable amount of time to notify the parent/guardian of whether the decision to revoke enrollment has been sustained or reversed. The student will remain enrolled in school until the decision to revoke enrollment is sustained or reversed. This decision shall be final. It is likely that a challenge will result in additional investigative costs and parents will be responsible for the additional costs if the revocation is upheld.