

Determination of a child's School Attendance Area will be based upon the location of the residence of the parent/guardian. Biological parents are presumed to be the legal custodians of their children and are jointly responsible for the support, care, nurturing, welfare and education of their children unless the court has appointed another party as legal custodian with official documentation. Any legal documentation pertaining to the custody of the student must be provided at time of enrollment and maintained in the student's permanent file.

If legal documentation states that parents live separately and share joint legal custody, the student may enroll in the school attendance area of either parent. If physical custody is designated in a court issued document, the student must enroll in the school district of the parent/guardian with whom he/she is ordered to reside.

Notarized statements from parents transferring custody and/or residency of the child to a relative or another person are not acceptable for educational use. A student under the age of 18 living with a person other than his/her legal custodian(s) may not enroll in school until application for legal custody is filed with the Circuit Court of Allegany County.

For more information about school attendance areas, contact the Transportation Department at 301-729-3773.