

Registration Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can I enroll my child in a school in St. Johns County if I don't live in St. Johns County?**

Students can only be enrolled in a St. Johns County School if the student's parent/guardian's primary residence is in St. Johns County.

The exception to this policy is through the Controlled Open Enrollment process, for qualifying schools. More information about Controlled Open Enrollment can be found here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/coe/>

- **Can I pick the school I want my child to attend?**

Students are zoned to attend a specific school based on their primary residence address. If a family owns more than one home in St. Johns County, the primary address used for school zoning will be the property with the Homestead Exemption. The zoned schools for each address can be found using the Attendance Zone Locator: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/>

- **I'm building a new home that hasn't been completed yet. Can I register my child with this address now?**

If you are purchasing a home or moving into a rental property in the future, you will not be able to register your child at the school zoned for that address until you have a signed closing statement or current lease. If you are staying in a temporary residence until you are able to move into your new home, you may apply for an Out-of-Zone Hardship Waiver, as long as the temporary residence is located in St. Johns County. The Hardship Waiver application and additional information about hardship criteria can be found here:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/transfers/>

- **Can I register a child with a Power of Attorney showing guardianship?**

St. Johns County School District does not accept Power of Attorney or notarized guardianship paperwork as proof of guardianship. Per School Board Rule 5.05(1)(e), when a student resides with a person who is not the student's parent seeks to enroll in school, the student shall present a court order appointing the person with whom they reside as either their legal guardian or legal custodian or shall present other proper documentation from a state or federal agency placing the child with the person with whom they reside.

In the absence of a court order or proper documentation from a state or federal agency placing the child with the person whom they reside, the following documents may be accepted for school registration purposes:

- A written, notarized consent from the parent or legal guardian
- AND
- Documentation from the Clerk of Courts showing that a Concurrent Custody or Temporary Guardianship petition has been filed

- **How do I get a FL 680 Immunization Record?**
 You can get the required FL 680 form from your child's pediatrician or the St Johns County Health Dept. If you are moving from another state and do not have a pediatrician in this area, you can go to the Health Dept or an urgent care center (Care Spot, CVS Minute Clinic, etc.) to get the shot record transferred to the FL 680 form. You may also request the form from the Health Dept through email. More information on this process can be found here:
<https://stjohns.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/immunizations/index.html>
- **Can I use my child's physical from another state?**
 You may submit a physical from another state as long as the physical was completed and signed by a physician within the past 12 months. Please note that the physical must be a school entry physical or an annual well child examination. We do not accept sports physicals for school enrollment.
- **I just moved into my home and haven't received any bills yet? What do I submit for proof of residency?**
 You may submit a start up notice from one or more of your utility companies (electric, water, internet, etc.). The proof of residency document must have your name and the address listed.
- **Can I take my documents to the school to drop them off?**
 If you are unable to upload the documentation in the PowerSchool registration form, you can drop the documents off at the child's school.
- **I can't get my child an appointment with the pediatrician to get a physical until next month. Can my child start school while we wait for the appointment?**
 Students are not allowed to start school until the physical and FL 680 Immunization Record have both been submitted.
- **I completed the registration form for my child. Can he/she start tomorrow?**
 Once the registration form has been completed and submitted, the school will receive the information and will reach out to you with more information. It may take a few days for the school to complete the enrollment and provide a start date for your child.
- **What if my family is experiencing homelessness?**
 If you are experiencing homelessness, you can find more information about enrolling in school here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/homeless/>