

Frequently Asked Enrollment Questions

What are the mandatory school ages for PK, K & First Grade?

The state of Oklahoma has set the following requirements:

- ★ Pre-Kindergarten: Must be 4 years of age by September 1
- ★ Kindergarten: Must be 5 years of age by September 1
- ★ First Grade: Must be 6 years of age by September 1

Is this your first time enrolling in PK, K or First Grade?

If you have never attended one of these grades in public school, you will need to be able to show that your child is the correct age for the grade you want to enroll them. Birth Certificates, if available, must be provided for Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade who are first-time enrollees. While a birth certificate is the preferable option, the state of Oklahoma does allow schools to accept a few other items if the birth certificate is not available. The state allows schools to also accept an attending physician's certificate, permanent school records, a family bible or parent statement.

Proof of Residency

Everyone must verify that they live in the Ardmore Schools attendance area in order to enroll. As a reminder, you may have an "Ardmore" address, but it may not be within the Ardmore Schools attendance area.

The following original documentation for verification of residency indicated you "service" address will be accepted. The documentation MUST list your service address in order to be used. If any of the below options do not indicate your service address, it cannot be used.

- ★ Gas Bill
- ★ Water Bill
- ★ Electric Bill
- ★ Propane Bill
- ★ Direct TV/Dish Bill
- ★ Internet/Cable Bill
- ★ On-Line Utility Payment Printout
- ★ Home Phone Bill [no cell]
- ★ Lease/Rental Agreement
- ★ Homestead Exemption Form
- ★ Mortgage Statement

NOTE: All billing notices must be current. No service bills older than 30 days will be accepted and no "cut off" notices will be accepted.

What if I can't show proof of residency?

This is an issue many families face each year and we try to accommodate when we can. The first form you will fill out for enrollment is the Student Services Enrollment Questionnaire. This form assists us in determining which families are displaced and have no official residence of their own due to circumstances beyond their control. These families are not required to provide proof of residence if the McKinney Vento staff verify that they qualify for the program.

For those families who do not fall within the McKinney Vento category and have no bills in their name, then it gets a little more difficult. If this is your situation, you are encouraged to visit with a school administrator at enrollment. The school administrator will visit with you about your situation and determine if we can assist you and what would be required in order to enroll.

Will there be bus transportation for my child?

That will depend on the age of your child and where you reside. The school district *may* provide transportation to and from school for students whose homes are more than one and one-half miles walking distance from the schools attended by such students. Visit the Transportation table at enrollment to see if your child is eligible and to review bus schedules.

What if I live in one elementary area but want to attend a different elementary school?

At enrollment, you would enroll at the elementary school where you reside and ask the school administrator in charge to apply for an "in-district" transfer. After enrollment, the elementary principal of the area you reside in will visit with the elementary principal in the area you wish to attend. If there is room at the grade level your child is in and are in good standing from the previous school year, they may approve the "in-district" transfer. The decision is up to them and their decision is final. If approved, it is only for the current school year and you would need to apply each year. In addition, no bus transportation is provided. You would be responsible for getting your child to and from the requested school each day.

What if I am not sure what school district I live in?

If you aren't sure what school district you reside in, here's a great option to find out. Just go to the Carter County Assessor's website: Here's the link:

<http://www.cartercountyassessor.org> You can search your property. Once you find your property, click on it. Specifics about the property will pop up. Find the "Tax District" on the right side of the screen. If it says 19, 19A or 19B that's Ardmore. If it has any other number, it's not Ardmore. This is the website we use if we don't know what school district someone lives in either...

I am new to Ardmore & my children attended school in another district, town or state

First off, welcome to Ardmore. We are excited to have your children enrolling with us. As part of your enrollment packet, there will be a form for you to complete letting us know your last school of record in order for us to request your official school records. Be sure to have the name, address and phone number of your former school ready to go.

I live in a neighboring school district & want my child to attend Ardmore

Well, that is fantastic! Here's the process. You will need to apply and be approved for an emergency transfer. The forms to apply for the emergency transfer are at the Administration Center located at 611 Veterans Blvd immediately east of Ardmore High School. Our hours of operation through July 19 are Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginning July 22 our hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last day to apply for the emergency transfer in order to enroll on July 31 or August 1 is Friday, July 26. Emergency transfer applications received after that time will still be accepted, but no decision will be made until after enrollment.

I have moved over the summer and my new residence is not in the Ardmore School district.

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My child is Native American

Ardmore has an outstanding Indian Education Program. The Title VI/JOM/Impact Aid form in your enrollment packet will be very important for you. Be sure to look at the requirements and bring all documentation required on the form to enrollment. Be sure to stop by the Indian Education table at enrollment.

Required Immunizations - Are your kiddos vaccinations current?

On the enrollment information page on the website, we have attached the state requirements for your information.

School Supplies

General school supplies are only for students in grades PK - 5. Ardmore Middle School also has some site-specific items. At the high school, those supplies will be identified by the classes the student is enrolled in and those teachers will provide parents with a list of any items they may need.

Parents of PK-Grade 5 will have two options this year for school supplies:

- 1) The school supply list is on the Enrollment Information area of the website for you to shop on your own.
- 2) The district has ordered some pre-packaged kits that have everything you need without doing the shopping, saving you time and money. You can purchase these supply kits at enrollment and the kit will be delivered to your child at their school. The price list and information is on the Enrollment Information page.
Note: There are limited supplies.

My child has been homeschooled or has been attending a non-accredited school

Any student enrolling in a public school in the state of Oklahoma who has been home-schooled or attending a non-accredited school will have to be tested for grade placement. When you enroll, let school administration know this and they will make a note to schedule a time and place for testing.

Do you need after school care through the HUGS Program

Be sure to stop by the HUGS table at enrollment to learn more.