

ENROLLMENT OF MILITARY CHILDREN

It is the policy of the Commerce Board of Education that the residence of any military child for school purposes shall be the legal residence of the parents, guardian, or person having legal custody who holds legal residence within the district as defined in 70 O.S. §1-113 (C). Provided that such parent, legal guardian, person, or institution having legal custody contributes in a major degree to the support of such child. A special power of attorney, relative to the guardianship of a child of a military family and executed under applicable law shall be sufficient for the purposes of enrollment and all other actions requiring parental participation and consent.

Upon enrollment, the school district shall request official records from the sending school district. Until such time as those records are received, the school district shall enroll and appropriately place the student based upon information provided by the parent or guardian pending validation by official records. The school district shall initially honor the placement of the student in educational courses based upon the student’s enrollment in the sending school district and/or educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state if the courses are offered. The school district reserves the right to perform subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement.

Students shall be allowed to continue their enrollment at grade-level in the receiving district commensurate with their grade level from the sending school, regardless of age. This could result in underage military children being enrolled in kindergarten and/or first grade.

The school district shall waive specific course requirements for graduation if similar course work has been satisfactorily completed in another school district or the district will provide reasonable justification for denial. Special provisions exist in law with regard to options for graduation for military students transferring at the beginning of his/her senior year.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §510.1