

RESIDENT STATUS

7.10500 DR
DISTRICT REGULATION

PURPOSE

Resident classification at Metropolitan Community College shall be consistent with Administrative Rule 6 CSR 10-3.010 of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The student shall be responsible for providing accurate residency information.

DEFINITIONS

The following are terms relevant to the implementation of this regulation.

A. Adult Student: A student who is twenty-one years or older.

B. District: The Metropolitan Community College District includes specific geographic boundaries of the community college's taxing district. These areas are subject to change based on community votes for taxation.

C. Domicile: A residence established with the intent of making that residence a permanent home for an indefinite period.

D. Emancipated Minor Student: A student younger than twenty-one years but who is not under the care, custody, or support of a parent or legal guardian.

E. In-District Resident: A person whose residence status is in the district.

F. International Resident: A foreign national who is in the United States on an approved student visa status.

G. Metro Rate: This is a specially approved rate of tuition for students who reside in selected Kansas zip codes within the Metro area.

H. Out of District Missouri Resident: A person whose residence status is in Missouri, but not in the district.

I. Out of State Resident: A person who lives in the United States, but not in the state of Missouri.

J. Resident Status: That status achieved after proving a residency has been established.

K. Unemancipated Minor Student: A student younger than twenty-one years and who is under the care, custody, or support of a parent or legal guardian.

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REVISED: (Date(s) approved)

OFFICE OF RESPONSIBILITY: Office of Student Success & Engagement

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DETERMINING
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Residency status is determined by the information provided on the MCC application for admission. Students are responsible for providing documentation supporting resident status when requested.

Attendance at an institution of higher education is considered as temporary presence in the district or the state of Missouri and does not establish resident status.

Guidance for each classification of student regarding residency is provided below:

Adult Students: An adult student's resident status is effective at the first enrollment following the establishment of a domicile.

Unemancipated Minor Students:

1. The domicile of an unemancipated minor student at the first enrollment is that of the parent or legal guardian.
2. An unemancipated minor student may maintain that resident status through continuous enrollment (excluding summer) even if the parent or legal guardian moves.

Emancipated Minor Students:

1. The domicile of emancipated minor students will be determined as if they were adults.
2. A minor may become emancipated through marriage, formal court action, abandonment, or positive action of alienation on the part of the minor.
3. The absence from the domicile of the parent or legal guardian is not constituted proof of emancipation.
4. A student is not eligible for emancipation if taken as an income tax exemption by someone other than a spouse.

Members of the Military Forces:

1. Students will neither gain nor lose resident status solely as a consequence of military service.
2. The resident status of a military member on active duty assigned to a Missouri duty station is determined by the location of that station. The person's spouse and unemancipated minor children have the same resident status.

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Foreign Nationals:

1. The domicile of a resident alien determines resident status.
2. A foreign national in a student visa status approved solely for the purpose of education is an international resident.
3. The residence of a foreign national in a visa status permitting enrollment in education determines resident status.

EVIDENCE OF
DOMICILE

There are two primary identifiers which provide evidence of Domicile:

1. Presence within the district or the state of Missouri for a minimum of twelve immediate past, consecutive months with proof of intent to make the district or the state of Missouri a permanent home for an indefinite period.
2. Presence within the district or the state of Missouri for the purpose of retirement, or full-time employment, professional practice or conduct a business.

OTHER POTENTIAL
EVIDENCE FOR
DOMICILE

The following factors give significant weight, but do not conclusively prove establishment of domicile:

1. Continuous presence in the district or the state of Missouri during those periods when not enrolled as a student.
2. Marriage to a district or Missouri resident and maintenance of a common domicile with the resident spouse.
3. Substantial reliance on sources within the district or the state of Missouri for financial support.
4. Maintaining a domicile within the district or the state while absent.
5. Ownership of a home within the district or the state of Missouri.

While the following factors are given less weight than those in the above list; however, they can be used to support the intent of making the district or the state of Missouri a permanent home.

1. Voter Registration.
2. Part-time employment.
3. Statement of intention to establish a domicile in the district or the state.
4. Automobile registration with an address in the district or the state.
5. Valid driver's license with an address in the district or the state.
6. Tax receipts from income, personal, and property taxes paid to the district or the state.

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CHANGING RESIDENT STATUS A request for change of resident status, with supporting evidence, will be filed with the records office.

APPEAL A Student may submit a Residency Affidavit to appeal their assigned residency status.

REGULATION MODIFICATION This regulation may be modified or revoked by the Chancellor through the shared governance process established at the institution.

ENFORCEMENT This regulation and any applicable related procedures shall be strictly enforced. Violations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

VALUES ALIGNMENT Integrity

REFERENCES 7.10000 BP Student Status and Admissions Board Policy
Administrative Rule 6 CSR 10 3.010 of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education