



Requirements for Enrollment

BESSEMER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

In order to enroll a student in the Bessemer City School System, the following enrollment requirements must be presented in person by the parent or legal guardian with exception of migrant, immigrant, Homeless or EL students.

1. Two Proofs of Residence

- A) Current Residence Lease, Deed, or Tax Card *(In Parent's or Legal Guardian's Name)
- B) Current Utility Bill or Current Printout from Utility Company

If documents are not in the parent's or legal guardian's name, the person listed on the lease, deed, or tax card and bills must bring these documents and accompany parent/legal guardian to the Attendance & Security Office at 1621-5th Avenue North Bessemer, AL 35020, Room 106. Both parties must complete a Verification of Residence Form and the form must be notarized by a notary. The parent must provide photo I.D. and the listed party must bring a current lease, deed, tax card, current utility bill, and photo I.D. The Verification Forms can be picked up at the Bessemer Board of Education in the Office of Attendance & Security.

2. One other item that ties you to the residence

- A) One other bill mailed to you at your residence address
- B) Proof of residency from the County Registrar of Voters
- C) Current vehicle registration showing residence address

3. Documentation of Legal Custodian or Guardianship

4. Updated Alabama Immunization Form (blue, pink, or white)

Exemptions: Certificate of Medical Exemption (Form iMM51) or a Certificate of Religious Exemption (Form IMM52)

If the Alabama Immunization Form is expired or not from Alabama, then the Parent/Legal Guardian must go to the Health Department or primary doctor to get an updated or transferred form.

5. Social Security Number (voluntary)- **Disclosure of your child's social security number (SSN) is voluntary. If you elect not to provide a SSN, a temporary identification number will be generated and utilized instead. Your child's SSN is being requested for use in conjunction with enrollment in school as provided in Ala. Admin. Code §290-3-1-.02(2)(b)(2). It will be used as a means of identification in the statewide student management system.*

6. Birth Verification Items

- A) Religious, Hospital or Physician's Documents showing date of birth
- B) Baptismal Certificate
- C) Entry in a Family Bible
- D) Adoption Record
- E) Signed and Notarized Affidavit from a parent
- F) Previously Verified School Records
- G) Birth Certificate (Optional) (Birth Certificates can be asked for only for new students age verification.)

7. Previous School Verification Documentation

- A) Official Withdrawal Documentation (If applicable)
- B) Report Card (If available)
- C) Transcript (High School Students) (If applicable)
- D) Discipline Report
- E) Attendance Profile Report

* All Previous School Verification Documentation should include complete address of previous school so the new school can request for records.

8. Medical documentation for a Specific Illness (if applicable)
9. If legal custody of a child is split between two parents, you must attach a certified copy of the court order identifying each parent's respective award of physical custody.

NOTE: Parent/Guardian/Care Provider must present Photo ID.

Compulsory Attendance Law

Alabama State Law, Section 16-28-3 Code of Alabama (1975) revised, requires all children between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17) to attend school. It is your responsibility under the law to ensure the attendance of your child/children. Recent legislation requires all children enrolled in Alabama Public Schools, regardless of age, to comply with the provisions of the Compulsory School Attendance Law. Continued unexcused absences (truancies) will result in a referral to the Jefferson County Family Juvenile Court for assistance in improving your child's school attendance.

Elementary Schools

Abrams Elementary

Ms. Mildred Posey, Principal
1200 23rd Street North
Bessemer, Alabama 35020
(205) 432-3100

Hard Elementary

Dr. Armentress Robinson, Principal
2801 Arlington Avenue
Bessemer, Alabama 35020
(205) 432-3300

Greenwood Elementary

Mrs. Angela Bedgood, Principal
5012 Roselyn Road
Bessemer, Alabama 35022
(205) 432-3200

Jonesboro Elementary

Ms. Anjell Edwards, Principal
125 Owen Avenue
Bessemer, Alabama 35020
(205) 432-3400

Westhills Elementary

Dr. LaKeshya George-Boles, Principal
710 Glenn Road
Bessemer, Alabama 35022
(205) 432-3500

Middle School

Bessemer City Middle School
Mr. Van James, Principal
100 High School Drive
Bessemer, Alabama 35022
(205) 432-3600

High School

Bessemer City High School
Mr. Duane Hale, Principal
4950 Premiere Parkway
Bessemer, Alabama 35022
(205) 432-3700



Welcome to Bessemer City Schools

