Initial enrollment at the Louisiana School for Math Science and the Arts ("LSMSA" or "Louisiana School") requires that the custodial parent(s), tutor, or grandparent awarded custody be a resident of the state of Louisiana at the time of the student's acceptance. Proof of residency may be required to validate enrollment. If the parent(s), tutor, or grandparent awarded custody is unable to establish residency, then the student will be dismissed from school.

If the student does not live with both parents, the appropriate paperwork (i.e. custody decrees, guardianship papers, etc.) must be on file with the Registrar's Office at the time of enrollment or during the school year when there is a change in status.

A student admitted under the premise of residency will be dismissed from the school if at any point in his/her tenure it is discovered that they were not residents at the time of acceptance.

If the parent(s), tutor, or grandparent awarded custody moves out of the state after the student has been accepted, an individual 21 years of age or older who resides in Louisiana and provides proof of residency in the state must be named as the student's provisional custodian in accordance with La. R.S. 9:951-954. The parent(s), tutor, or grandparent awarded custody shall submit to the Registrar's Office, a completed and notarized Provisional Custody by Mandate.

Proof of provisional custodian must be received in the Registrar's Office within (twenty-one) 21 calendar days of the parent(s)' relocation outside of the state. Also, since the mandate is valid only for the term stated not to exceed one year, and updated mandate may be required.

It is the responsibility of the custodial parent, tutor, or grandparent awarded custody to inform the Registrar's Office as to whether non-custodial parents and/or stepparents and/or co-tutors may provide permissions, verify permissions, and/or sign out the student. Any such authorizations must be provided in writing and must be renewed at least annually.