



## **RESIDENCY VALIDATION**

In order to enroll a child in a public school system in Virginia, state law requires a parent or guardian of a child to provide certain information to the child's school division. When a student is being registered in Bedford County Public Schools for the first time and each time there is a change of address it is required that the parent or guardian present reasonable proof of residing in our school district.

Parents or legal guardians who reside with their child in a property that they own will fill out the Residency Validation form. Parents or legal guardians who reside with their child in a property that they or rent will fill out the Residency Validation form and provide the acceptable documentation. Acceptable documentation includes a copy of a mortgage, lease, or real estate tax statement of your principal residence in Bedford County.

**False statements of Residency: § 22.1-264.1 of Virginia legal code. A parent or guardian can be charged with a Class 4 misdemeanor for knowingly making a false statement concerning the residency of a child in a particular school division or school attendance zone if the purpose is to avoid tuition or to enroll the student in a school outside the attendance zone in which the student resides.**

I am aware of this procedure, which states that if a student is found to have established residency in our attendance area by using false or inaccurate information, the student will be immediately withdrawn from school; and by Virginia High School regulations, the student will lose extracurricular eligibility for 365 days from the date the information is certified as being false (VHSL Regulation 30-5-3.) Furthermore, the parents will be required to pay all non-residency fees incurred while the student was enrolled in Bedford County Public Schools.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Verification documentation presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_