Students must demonstrate 30 days of residency in District 518 prior to the first day of classes for the upcoming semester to qualify for in-district tuition rates.

To verify eligibility, students must provide one or more of the following:

- 1. Voter registration in District 518
- 2. Evidence of tax, utility, or rent receipt, or a signed lease contract in District 518.
- 3. Driver's license and/or vehicle registration showing an address in District 518.
- 4. Other documentation which can help certify residency in District 518.

Students may not become residents simply by attending classes at Carl Sandburg College for 30 days or more.

Students who move from outside the State of Illinois or District 518 for reasons other than attending Carl Sandburg College shall be exempt from the 30-day requirement if they demonstrate through documentation a verifiable interest in establishing permanent residency. Students must provide documentation from a third-party professional supporting their reason for relocation to District 518, in addition to residency verification outlined in the list above.

Students who are currently under the legal guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services or have been recently emancipated from the Department and had a placement change into District 518 shall be exempt from the 30-day requirement. Third party professional documentation of current residency and eligible status may be submitted from the student, a caseworker, or other personnel of the Department, or the student's attorney or guardian ad litem.

Students who are enrolled in an approved cooperative program between Carl Sandburg College and another college may be eligible to receive in-district rates.

Students who qualify under other ICCB regulations are eligible to receive in-district tuition rates.

Students cannot qualify for in-district tuition rates while on a temporary visa.