

## **Sibling Definition**

A sibling is defined as a biologically or legally adopted brother or sister residing in the same household, or residing with a child having the same legal guardian.

This definition also includes children in the following circumstances:

- Children with the same parents who live together or separately, as long as one parent meets the residency requirement.
- Step-siblings residing in the same household that meets the residency requirement
- Half siblings (i.e. children who share one parent with another child in the home) must reside with one parent who meets the residency requirements
- Foster children who are legally placed by court order or by DFS (Department of Family Services) in the household with another child attending Académie Lafayette
- Court ordered guardianship

Additional documentation may be requested to confirm sibling preference. RS Mo., Chapter 475 defines “Guardian” as one appointed by a court to have the care and custody of the person of a minor or of an incapacitated person. A power of attorney guardianship or temporary guardianship does not constitute a valid sibling relationship, and Académie Lafayette does not recognize this unless the guardianship meets the requirements of RS Mo., Chapter 475.

Cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and unrelated children who share the same address with a child attending Académie Lafayette but do not meet any of the requirements above are not considered siblings.