Residency Policy

Doane College finds great value in the residential experience on our campus. In fact, research in higher education has shown students who live on campus generally get better grades, make friends more quickly, and get more involved in campus life. The spirit of the Residency Policy is that all students will live on campus for the entirety of their college career unless they meet one or more of the following exemptions:

**Academic Progress**: Students who have successfully completed at least 90 credit hours by the end of the spring semester. Completed credits will be verified with the Registrar’s Office.

**Commuters**: Students who live exclusively in the permanent primary residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) within 40 driving miles of Doane’s Crete campus. Students will be required to supply the following documentation:

1. *Permanent address and local address must match*
2. *A notarized family exemption form must be included with your application*
3. *Proof of address: This could be a utility bill or legal document proving the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) reside in the residence.*

**Student Teaching**: Students enrolled in student teaching are permitted to live in the community in which they are assigned for the duration of that assignment. Student teachers assigned to Crete area schools will live on campus unless they meet other criteria for off campus living. *(Note: Student teachers teaching during the fall semester only will be required to return to campus housing at the end of their teaching assignment unless they meet other criteria.)*

**Married/Dependent Child**: Students who are married and/or have a dependent child/children living in their home.

**Appeals for extenuating circumstances**: Doane recognizes that students may have personal circumstances which warrant an exception to this policy, and appeals for such special cases will be reviewed individually by the vice president for Student Affairs. Examples of such cases may include (but are not limited to) past military service; a health concern that cannot be accommodated in the on-campus facility; or students who have demonstrated a significant previous period of living independently. Financial hardship will only be considered in dire circumstances, but will not typically be an approved off-campus exception. A request for another exemption may require additional documentation.

Students who provide false information regarding their residence or status to gain an off campus exemption will be subject to disciplinary action and housed and billed as a residential student. Students who do not respond to requests related to housing or who simply ignore the efforts of the College regarding housing assignments will be assigned campus housing and billed as a residential student.