

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: August 12, 2014

To: Principals, Vice Principals, Counselors and Enrollment Staff

Subject: VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE FOR ENROLLMENT PURPOSES

Department and/or Persons Concerned: Principals, Vice Principals, Registrars, School Site Officer Managers, and Attendance/Enrollment Clerks

Due Date: Enrollment Periods

Reference: Education Code Section 48200; Title 5, California Code of Regulations Section 432; District Administrative Procedure Nos. 6120 and 6123, AB490, ESEA

Action Requested: Requirement for Proof of Residence

Brief Explanation:

The California Department of Education requires that schools annually verify the residence of their students. A parent or legal guardian may establish residency with a wide range of documents that provide reasonable evidence that the student meets residency requirements for the school. If residency has been previously established with documentation, it is not necessary to obtain again, as long as the parent signature on the enrollment card reconfirms the same resident address.

Copies of the following documents are acceptable to establish residence within a school's attendance area:

1. A recent utility bill (SDG&E, phone, water, cable)
2. A rental agreement or rent payment receipts
3. Property tax payment receipts
4. Mortgage documents
5. Military housing orders

Copies of the provided documentation should be made for the student's records. If none of these documents are available, a declaration (statement under oath) by the parent or legal guardian indicating an address within the school's attendance area is acceptable. (See Attachment 1 for a copy of the declaration.) Declarations made under oath do not need to be notarized. Please do not ask families to request letters from utility providers. It is okay for new families to sign the declaration and bring in a utility bill in 30-60 days. **Schools are requested to discard all site generated affidavits of residency or occupancy and cease the practice of requiring notarization of forms.**

If the student is not living with the parent or guardian, the adult with whom the student is living may complete a "Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit" form and present proof of residence. (See Attachment 2 for a copy of the Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit.) The purpose of this form is to

verify a student's residence when a child is living with relatives/guardians or other care giving adult. It is not to be used to circumvent the District's Choice process, (Magnet, Voluntary Enrollment Exchange Program (VEEP), or Program Improvement School Choice (PISC) or Open Enrollment.) Completion and the signing of the affidavit are sufficient to authorize enrollment and school related medical care.

The legal residence of a student is where the parent/guardian or caregiver resides unless the student is a homeless unaccompanied youth and is not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian. A youth in this situation must be enrolled immediately and the school should contact the Office of Children and Youth in Transition (CYT) at 619-725-7326 for assistance.

Federal law requires that homeless students and state law requires that foster students be allowed to enroll in school, attend classes and participate fully in school activities even if they do not have all of the required school records, medical records and **proof of residency**. Personnel at the school of enrollment must work with the parents or guardians to obtain all required documents. It is the intent of this legislation to keep homeless students in their *school of origin*, that is, the school they attended when permanently housed or in which they were last enrolled. Homeless students may also choose to enroll at the neighborhood school in which their temporary address resides. Any questions concerning homeless, unaccompanied youth or foster students' enrollment should be directed to the Office for Children and Youth in Transition at (619) 725-7326.

Please use the correct residence status for homelessness when enrolling students in PowerSchool. It is important to accurately reflect the most appropriate living arrangement in the student database in order for students to receive immediate eligibility for free breakfast/lunch and/or other available services.

Questions concerning this circular should be directed to the Neighborhood Schools and Enrollment Options Office at (619) 725-7153.

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Attachments (2)

Distribution: Lists B, D, E, and F

San Diego Unified School District Declaration of Residency

I, _____, declare that I reside at
(Print Name)

_____, _____, CA _____
Street City Zip Code

I declare that my Child(ren) live(s) at the address above.

(List all children – Print first and last names)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated _____ **SIGNED** _____

Warning: Do not sign this form if any of the statements above are incorrect, or you will be committing a crime punishable under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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San Diego Unified School District Declaración de Domicilio

Yo, _____, declaro que tengo mi domicilio en
(Nombre con letra de molde)

_____, CA _____
Calle Ciudad Código Postal

Declaro que mi hijo/hija(hijos) viven en el domicilio anterior.

(Escriba el nombre de todos los niños – Escriba su nombre y apellido)

Declaro bajo pena de ley del Estado de California que lo anterior es verdadero y correcto.

Fecha _____ **FIRMA** _____

Advertencia: No firme esta declaración si algo es incorrecto, o podrá ser penalizado bajo las leyes del Estado de California.

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Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit

Use of this affidavit is authorized by Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 6550) of Division 11 of the California Family Code.

Instructions: Completion of items 1-4 and the signing of the affidavit are sufficient to authorize enrollment of a minor in school and authorize school-related medical care. Completion of items 5-8 is additionally required to authorize any other medical care. Please print clearly.

The minor named below lives in my home and I am 18 years of age or older.

1. Name of minor: _____
2. Minor's birth date: _____
3. My name (adult giving authorization): _____
4. My home address: _____

5. I am a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or other qualified relative of the minor (see back of this form for a definition of "qualified relative").
6. Check one or both (for example, if one parent was advised and the other cannot be located):
 - I have advised the parent(s) or other person(s) having legal custody of the minor of my intent to authorize medical care and have received no objection.
 - I am unable to contact the parent(s) or other person(s) having legal custody of the minor at this time to notify them of my intended authorization.
7. My date of birth: _____
8. My California driver's license or identification card number: _____

Warning: Do not sign this form if any of the statements above are incorrect, or you will be committing a crime punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: _____

Signed: _____

Notices:

1. This declaration does not affect the rights of the minor's parents or legal guardian regarding the care, custody and control of the minor and does not mean that the caregiver has legal custody of the minor.
2. A person who relies on this affidavit has no obligation to make any further inquiry or investigation.
3. This affidavit is not valid for more than one year after the date on which it is executed.

Additional Information:*To Caregivers:*

1. "Qualified relative," for purposes of item 5, means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, Step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, first cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix "grand" or "great" or the spouse of any of the persons specified in this definition, even after the marriage has been terminated by death or dissolution.
2. The law may require you, if you are not a relative or currently licensed foster parent, to obtain a foster home license in order to care for a minor. If you have any questions, please contact your local department of social services.
3. If the minor stops living with you, you are required to notify any school, health care provider, or health care service plan to which you have given this affidavit.
4. If you do not have the information requested in item 8 (California driver's license or I.D.), please provide another form of identification such as your social security number or Medi-Cal number.

To School Officials:

1. Section 48204 of the Education Code provides that this affidavit constitutes a sufficient basis for determination of residency of the minor, without the requirement of a guardianship or other custody order, unless the school district determines from actual facts that the minor is not living with the caregiver.
2. The school district may require additional reasonable evidence that the caregiver lives at the address provided in item 4.

To Health Care Providers and Health Care Service Plans:

1. No person who acts in good faith reliance upon a caregiver's authorization affidavit to provide medical or dental care, without actual knowledge of facts contrary to those stated on the affidavit, is subject to criminal liability or to civil liability to any person, or is subject to professional disciplinary action, for such reliance if the applicable portions of the form are completed.
2. This affidavit does not confer dependency for health care coverage purposes.

Autorización de la Persona Encargada del Cuidado de un Menor

El uso de esta declaración jurada está autorizado por la Sección 1.5 (comenzando con la Sección 6550) de la División 11 del Código de California sobre la Familia.

Instrucciones: El completar los puntos 1-4 y firmar la declaración es suficiente para autorizar la inscripción de un menor en la escuela y autorizar la atención médica relacionada con la escuela. El completar los puntos 5-8 se requiere para autorizar atención médica adicional. Por favor escriba claramente.

El menor nombrado a continuación vive en mi hogar y yo tengo 18 años o más.

3. Nombre del menor: _____

4. Fecha de nacimiento del menor: _____

5. Mi nombre (nombre del adulto que da autorización): _____

6. Mi dirección: _____

5. Soy el abuelo(a), tía/tío, u otro familiar autorizado del menor (vea el revés de este documento para leer la definición de “familiar autorizado”).

6. Marque uno o los dos cuadros (por ejemplo, si se avisa a uno de los padres y no podemos localizar otro):

He hablado con la otra persona que tiene custodia legal del menor acerca de mi intención de autorizar el cuidado médico y no ha presentado objeción.

Me ha sido imposible comunicarme hasta este momento con la otra persona que tiene custodia legal del menor para notificarle sobre mi intención de otorgar mi autorización.

7. Mi fecha de nacimiento: _____

8. El número de mi licencia de conducir o identificación de California: _____

Advertencia: No firme este documento si alguna de las declaraciones es incorrecta, o podrá tener repercusiones judiciales que pueden implicar una multa, encarcelamiento o ambas.

Declaro bajo pena de ley del Estado de California que lo anterior es verdadero y correcto.

Fecha: _____

Firma: _____

Notificaciones:

1. Esta declaración no afecta los derechos de los padres o tutores legales de un menor respecto al cuidado, custodia o control del menor y no significa que quien presta los servicios tiene custodia legal del menor.
2. La persona a quien se presenta esta declaración no tiene la obligación de pedir más informes o llevar a cabo una investigación.
3. Este documento es válido únicamente por un año a partir de la fecha en la que se presenta este documento.

Información Adicional:*Para los Proveedores de Salud:*

1. "Familiar autorizado," mencionado en el punto 5, significa esposo/esposa, padre/madre, padrastro/madrastra, hermano/hermana, hermanastro/hermanastra, medio hermano/media hermana, tío/tía, sobrino/sobrina, primo/prima, abuelos, bisabuelos o el esposo o esposa de cualquiera de las personas mencionadas en esta definición, aún si el matrimonio ha finalizado por muerte o disolución.
2. Si usted no es familiar o familia sustituta con licencia de Familia de Crianza, la ley puede requerir, que usted tramite la licencia para hacerse cargo del menor. Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor comuníquese al departamento local de servicios sociales.
3. Si el menor deja de vivir con usted, usted debe notificar a la escuela, al proveedor de salud o a cualquier plan que proporciona servicios para la salud a quien ha presentado usted esta declaración.
4. Si usted no cuenta con la información que se solicita en el punto número 8, (licencia para conducir o identificación de California), por favor proporcione otra forma de identificación como su número de seguro social o número de Medi-Cal.

A los oficiales de la Escuela:

1. La Sección 48204 del Código de Educación considera que esta declaración jurada tiene validez para determinar el domicilio de un menor, sin el requisito de un documento de tutoría legal u orden de custodia, a menos de que el distrito determine con base en datos reales que el menor no vive con la persona que está a cargo de él.
2. El distrito escolar puede solicitar pruebas adicionales de que la persona encargada del menor vive en el domicilio proporcionado en el punto 4.

A los Proveedores de Salud o Planes de Servicios de Salud:

1. Ninguna persona que actúe de buena fe y proporcione servicios médicos o dentales tomando en cuenta la información proporcionada en esta declaración, sin conocimiento que contradiga lo declarado en esta declaración, está sujeta a responsabilidad jurídica o civil con cualquier persona, o está sujeto a acción disciplinaria, si las secciones que se aplican se han completado.
2. Esta declaración no implica dependencia de cobertura de servicios de salud.