



Affidavit of Residency

Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, persons enrolling a student in Fulton County Schools shall submit a notarized Affidavit of Residency (Form SS-8) upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year. The Affidavit states that their student resides in the school attendance zone, or has an approved hardship or other placement, for the school they attend. **Contact your local school for more information.**

Why am I required to submit the Affidavit of Residency and why is Fulton requiring this? The purpose of the Affidavit is to make sure that only students who reside in Fulton County attend our schools. The Affidavit requires parents to state that they are Fulton residents. It does not address any issue other than residency. Unfortunately, some families who live out of our district are attending our schools illegally. These families are taking advantage of our outstanding programs and services – without paying the Fulton taxes that are used to fund our schools. The Board of Education began the Affidavit program this year in an effort to make sure only Fulton students attend Fulton schools.

How much time is allowed for the parent to submit the Affidavit and proofs of residence? The parent, guardian or other person having charge of a student will have 30 calendar days to submit the Affidavit and two proofs of residence. The student will be provisionally enrolled for the 30 days.

What happens if I do not submit the Affidavit? If the affidavit is not submitted to your child's school, your child will be withdrawn from the school system. The school must notify the person enrolling the student at least 10 calendar days prior to the withdrawal of a student.

Which form do I use? If your child is new to the school system or entering the 6th or 9th grade, you will use the Affidavit for new enrollees or students entering the 6th or 9th grade. If your child is returning to the **same school**, you will use the affidavit that is for all students other than new enrollees and students entering 6th or 9th grade. If you have moved during the year, you must provide to your school the change of address and a new affidavit and two proofs of residence.

Who can submit a non-parental affidavit? Any person who is at least 18 years of age or an emancipated minor at least 16 years of age residing within the Fulton County boundaries who is not a parent or guardian of a child(ren) but stands *in loco parentis* (i.e. to assume the duties and responsibilities of a parent by providing food, shelter, clothing and/or medical care). The student must live with the enrolling person full-time because of: Death, serious illness, or incarceration of a parent or legal guardian; abandonment by a parent or legal guardian of the complete control of the student as evidenced by the failure to provide substantial financial support and parental guidance; abuse or neglect by the parent or legal guardian; physical or mental condition of the parent or legal guardian is such that he or she cannot provide adequate care and supervision of the student; loss or inhabitation of the student's home as a result of a natural disaster; parent or guardian is unable to provide care and supervision of the student because he or she is serving in the military; student is living in a foster home, group home, or other institution or care facility that is located in the county; parents cannot be located; or other circumstances approved by the school system residency verification staff.

Who cannot submit a non-parental affidavit? The request to enroll the student cannot be primarily related to attendance at a particular school, nor may the request be for the purpose of participating in athletics at a particular school, taking advantage of special services or programs offered at a particular school, or for any other similar purpose.

What other documentation is required? The Affidavit is just one item required to prove residency. When enrolling in a Fulton school, parents also must submit two additional documents from the list below that show parents' name and address. These documents are for the school's use. They do not have to be shown to the notary. Parents may "black out" confidential information such as social security number prior to sharing with the school.

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| Copy of home mortgage payment book | Current bank statement |
| Copy of home contract | Current utility bill (gas, electric, or water) |
| Current paycheck stub | Apartment lease showing name of lessee |
| Receipt to have utilities connected | Homeowner's/Renter's insurance registration card |

Where can the Affidavit be notarized? Each school is to have at least one staff member that can notarized documents on behalf of their school with no charge to the parent.

What happens if I do not tell the truth? False swearing is a violation of the laws of the State of Georgia, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both. Georgia Code (O.C.G.A. 16-1071).