



Arizona Department of Education
Arizona Residency Guidelines
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INTRODUCTION

Generally, under Arizona law, only Arizona residents are entitled to a free public education. The Arizona Department of Education ("Department") is a designated steward of state education tax dollars and is responsible for providing state aid to school districts and charter schools for students who reside in Arizona. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-823(J), a school district or charter school may not include non-resident pupils in their student count and may not obtain state aid for those pupils. The residency of a student is determined by the residency of the parent or guardian with whom the student lives. Accordingly, it is the responsibility of the school districts and charter schools that receive state aid to ensure that their student/parent residency information is accurate and verifiable. The Department may audit schools to ensure that only Arizona resident students are reported for state aid. Any school district or charter school that cannot demonstrate the accuracy of any student's residency status may be required to repay the state aid received for that student.

VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTATION

A.R.S. § 15-802(B) requires school districts and charter schools to obtain and maintain verifiable documentation of Arizona residency upon enrollment in an Arizona public school. This document is designed to assist school districts and charter schools in meeting the legal requirements of the statute.

The documentation required by A.R.S. § 15-802 **must be provided each time a student enrolls in a school district or charter school in this state, and reaffirmed during the district or charter's annual registration process via the district or charter's annual registration form. The documentation supporting Arizona residency should be maintained according to the school's records retention schedule.**

In general, students will fall into one of two groups: (1) those whose parent or legal guardian is able to provide documentation bearing his or her name and address; and (2) those whose parent/legal guardian cannot document his or her own residence because of extenuating circumstances including, but not limited to, that the family's household is multi-generational. Different documentation is required for each circumstance.

1. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that maintains his or her own residence: The parent or legal guardian must complete and sign a form indicating his or her name, the name of the school district, school site, or charter school in which the student is being enrolled, and provide **one** of the following documents, which bear the parent or legal guardian's full name and residential address or physical description of the property where the student resides (no P.O. Boxes):

- Valid Arizona driver's license, Arizona identification card
- Valid Arizona motor vehicle registration
- Valid United States passport
- Property deed

- Mortgage documents
- Property tax bill
- Rental agreement or lease (including Section 8 agreement)
- Utility bill (water, electric, gas, cable, phone)
- Bank or credit card statement
- W-2 wage statement
- Payroll stub
- Certificate of tribal enrollment or other identification issued by a recognized Indian tribe
- Other documentation from a state, tribal, or federal agency (Social Security Administration, Veterans' Administration, Arizona Department of Economic Security, etc.)

2. **Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that does not maintain his or her own residence:** The parent or legal guardian must complete and sign a form indicating his or her name, the name of the school district, school site, or charter school in which the student is being enrolled, and submit a signed, notarized affidavit bearing the name and address of the person who maintains the residence where the student lives attesting to the fact that the student resides at that address, along with a document from the bulleted list above bearing the name and address of the person who maintains the residence. A model affidavit is available for schools at: <http://www.azed.gov/finance/files/2011/10/arizona-residency-guidelines.pdf>.

USE OF AND RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS BY SCHOOLS

School officials must **retain a copy** of the attestations or affidavits and copies of any supporting documentation presented for each student (photocopies acceptable) that school officials believe establish validity. Documents presented may be different in each circumstance, and unique to the living situation of the student. Documents retained by the school district or charter school may be used as an indicia of residency; however, documentation is subject to audit by the Department. Personally identifiable information other than name and address (SSN, account numbers, etc.) should be redacted from the documentation either by the parent/guardian or the school official prior to filing.



**Arizona Department of Education
Arizona Residency Documentation Form**

Student _____ School _____

School District or Charter Holder _____

Parent/Legal Guardian _____

As the Parent/Legal Guardian of the Student, I attest that I am a resident of the State of Arizona and submit in support of this attestation a copy of the following document that displays my name and residential address or physical description of the property where the student resides:

- ___ Valid Arizona driver's license, Arizona identification card or motor vehicle registration
- ___ Valid U.S. passport
- ___ Real estate deed or mortgage documents
- ___ Property tax bill
- ___ Residential lease or rental agreement
- ___ Water, electric, gas, cable, or phone bill
- ___ Bank or credit card statement
- ___ W-2 wage statement
- ___ Payroll stub
- ___ Certificate of tribal enrollment or other identification issued by a recognized Indian tribe that contains an Arizona address.
- ___ Documentation from a state, tribal or federal government agency (Social Security Administration, Veteran's Administration, Arizona Department of Economic Security)

- ___ I am currently unable to provide any of the foregoing documents. Therefore, I have provided an original affidavit signed and notarized by an Arizona resident who attests that I have established residence in Arizona with the person signing the affidavit.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date



**State of Arizona
Affidavit of Shared Residence**

I swear or affirm that I am a resident of the State of Arizona and that the persons listed below reside with me at my residence, described as follows:

Persons who reside with me:

Location of my residence:

I submit in support of this attestation a copy of the following document that displays my name and current residence address or physical description of my property:

- ___ Valid Arizona driver's license, Arizona identification card or motor vehicle registration
- ___ Valid U.S. passport
- ___ Real estate deed or mortgage documents
- ___ Property tax bill
- ___ Residential lease or rental agreement
- ___ Water, electric, gas, cable, or phone bill
- ___ Bank or credit card statement
- ___ W-2 wage statement
- ___ Payroll stub
- ___ Certificate of tribal enrollment or other identification issued by a recognized Indian tribe.
- ___ Documentation from a state, tribal or federal government agency (Social Security Administration, Veteran's Administration, Arizona Department of Economic Security)

Printed Name of Affiant: _____

Signature of Affiant: _____

Acknowledgement

State of Arizona
County of _____

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20____,
By _____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



Departamento de Educación de Arizona
Formulario de Documentación de Residencia en Arizona

Nombre del Estudiante _____ Nombre de Escuela _____

Distrito Escolar o Escuela Chárter _____

Padre/Tutor Legal _____

Como el padre del estudiante o representante legal, doy fe de que soy residente del estado de Arizona y presento como prueba de esta declaración copia del siguiente documento que muestra mi nombre y la dirección residencial o la descripción física de la propiedad donde reside el estudiante:

- ___ Licencia de conducir válida del Estado de Arizona, tarjeta de identificación de Arizona o registro de vehículo
- ___ Pasaporte válido de los EE. UU.
- ___ Escritura inmobiliaria o documentos de hipoteca
- ___ Recibo de pago de impuestos sobre la propiedad
- ___ Contrato de renta de casa/residencia
- ___ Factura de cuenta sobre el uso de agua, electricidad, gas, Cable de TV, o teléfono
- ___ Factura de tarjeta de crédito o de banco
- ___ Copia de la forma W-2 sobre declaración de ingresos
- ___ Talón del cheque de paga
- ___ Certificado de inscripción u otra identificación emitida por una tribu indígena reconocida que contiene una dirección de Arizona.
- ___ Documentación de una agencia estatal, gobierno federal (Administración de Seguro Social, Administración de Veteranos, Departamento de Seguridad Económica de Arizona) o agencia gubernamental de alguna tribu nativa Norte Americana.

___ Actualmente no puedo proporcionar ninguno de los documentos mencionados. Por lo tanto, he proveído una declaración original, firmada y notariada por un residente de Arizona que da fe de que he establecido residencia en Arizona con la persona que firma esta declaración.

Firma del padre/tutor legal

Fecha



Estado de Arizona
Declaración Jurada de Residencia Compartida

Juro o afirmo soy un residente del Estado de Arizona y que las siguientes personas viven conmigo en mi residencia, se describe de las siguiente manera:

Las personas que viven con migo:

Ubicación de me residencia:

Yo presento en apoyo de esta declaración una copia del siguiente documento que muestra mi nombre y dirección de residencia actual o descripción física de mi propiedad.

- Licencia de conducir valida del Estado de Arizona, tarjeta de identificación de Arizona o registro de vehículo
- Pasaporte válido de los EE. UU.
 - Escritura inmobiliaria o documentos de hipoteca
 - Recibo de pago de impuestos sobre la propiedad
 - Contrato de renta de casa/residencia
 - Factura de cuenta sobre el uso de agua, electricidad, gas. Cable de TV, o teléfono
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Nombre impreso del declarante: _____

Firma del declarante: _____

Acknowledgement

Estado de Arizona
Condado de Maricopa

Lo anterior fue reconocido ante me este ____ día de _____, 20____,

Por _____.

Notario Publico

Mi comisión se vence: _____