



# Effingham County Schools Family Residency Affidavit

The Effingham County Board of Education requires proof that parents or legal guardians live within the appropriate district for each school. A copy of a recent utility bill in the parent/guardian's name typically must be provided to verify that students are attending the appropriate school.

Families who are unable to provide a current utility bill or utility inclusive lease in a parent/guardian's name because either (1) utilities are in the name of a third party or (2) the family is living with another Effingham County resident must complete the form below as proof of residency. Signatures of both the parent/guardian and the homeowner/tenant/utility provider **must be notarized**. **Acceptable proof of residency (utility bill or lease inclusive of utilities) in the homeowner's name must be provided. Additionally, an acceptable piece mail addressed to the registering parent/guardian must also be provided (no personal letters or cards).**

Effingham County School System attendance officers are authorized to investigate all Family Residency Affidavits to verify the legitimacy of the living situation. If, upon investigation, it is determined that the student(s) are residing outside the attending school's attendance zone, the student will be required to transfer to the correct school based on the address at which the family is living. If it is determined that the student(s) reside outside Effingham County, tuition will be collected for the time period during which the student was illegally attending an Effingham County School and the student will be withdrawn from the system. Furthermore, presenting false information on this statement is punishable under the penalty of perjury.

This is to verify that \_\_\_\_\_, parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, resides at the following street address: \_\_\_\_\_ on a full time basis.

A utility bill or utility inclusive lease is not available because (Please check one):

The parent / guardian and child(ren) live with the homeowner / tenant on a full-time basis and all utilities are included in the name of the homeowner / tenant.

**OR**

The parent / guardian and child(ren) do NOT live with the homeowner / tenant on a full-time basis, but all utility services in the home of the parent / guardian are provided by the third party signing below.

Address of Person Providing Utility Service:

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this form in its entirety and understand that the legitimacy of this full-time residence may be investigated by an attendance officer. I further understand that if it is determined that the above listed child(ren) do not reside within the attendance zone for which they are being registered for admission, they will be re-assigned to the correct school. In addition, if it is determined that the student(s) do not reside within Effingham County, appropriate legal action will be taken to collect tuition for the period of the student(s)' attendance in an Effingham County school. **I further understand that presenting false information on this statement is punishable by law under the penalty of perjury.**

**The signatures of both the parent / guardian and the homeowner / tenant must be notarized by an official notary. Be sure to affix notary seal, and include date commission expires if not included on the official seal.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Printed Name                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

*I hereby certify that the individual signing above appeared before me on this day and acknowledged the due executing of the foregoing instrument.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeowner / Tenant / Utility Provider                      Date  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeowner / Tenant / Utility Provider Signature

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that the individual signing above appeared before me on this day and acknowledged the due executing of the foregoing instrument.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date