

Affidavit of Legal Residency for 2023-2024 School Year

Texas Penal Code, Section 37.10 Tampering with Governmental Record

- (a) A person commits an offense if he/she:
- (1) Knowingly makes a false entry in, or false alteration of a governmental record;
 - (2) Makes, presents or uses any record, document, or thing with knowledge of its falsity and with intent that it be taken as a genuine governmental record; or
 - (3) intentionally destroys, conceals, removes, or otherwise impairs the verity, legibility, or availability of a governmental record.
 - (4) Possesses, sells, or offers to sell a governmental record or a blank governmental record form with intent that it be used unlawfully;
 - (5) Makes, presents, or uses a governmental record with knowledge of its falsity; or
 - (6) Possess, sells, or offers to sell a governmental record or a blank governmental record form with knowledge that it was obtained unlawfully.
- (c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor unless the actor's intent is to defraud or harm another, in which event the offense is a felony of the third degree.

Education Code, Section 25.001 Admission

- (h) In addition to the penalty provided by Section 37.10 Penal Code, a person who knowingly falsifies information on a form required for enrollment of a student in a school is liable to the district if the student is not eligible for enrollment in the district but is enrolled on the basis of the false information. The person is liable, for the period during which the ineligible student is enrolled, for the greater of:
- (1) The maximum tuition fee the district may charge under Section 25.038; or
 - (2) The amount the district has budgeted for each student as maintenance and operating expenses.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This document is provided to establish that the persons listed below reside at the address indicated:

Resident Printed Name: Last	First	Middle
Resident Address:		
Resident Signature:	Date:	

Parent Printed Name: Last	First	Middle
Parent Signature:	Date:	
Eligible Student Printed Name: Last	First	Middle
Eligible Student Signature:	Date:	

Proof of residency must be established to determine that a student is a bona fide resident in the attendance zone of the school for which enrollment is sought. A student's bona fide residence shall be defined as the domicile that is the **student's fixed, permanent, and principal housing for legal purposes**. A student does not establish a bona fide residence by living in the district or a particular attendance zone for only a portion of the week unless this arrangement is specified in a divorce decree or other court order.

UIL has very specific criteria that must be met for UIL eligibility. If a student plans to participate in UIL activities, this criterion should be reviewed. One of the following documents must be submitted along with this statement to verify the residency:

1. A recent utility bill (other than a phone bill) with the name listed below and street address;
2. Home or apartment lease agreement; or

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3. An earnest money and/or purchase contract and a letter from a mortgage company indicating loan approval or proof from the home builder/realtor of cash payment verification.

It is my understanding that since the home/lease agreement and/or utility bills for the above address are in my name rather than the parent/guardian this document is required as proof of residence along with a home/lease agreement or utility bill. **The parent/guardian must notify the district within three (3) school days if the residency changes.** I understand that falsification of a document related to school records is a criminal offense under Section 37.10 Penal Code. In addition to the penalty provided by the Penal Code, Texas Education Code 25.001 (h) states that a person who knowingly falsifies information of a form required for enrollment is liable for tuition or costs if the student is not eligible for enrollment in the district. The district has the ability to do home visits to determine eligible enrollment. **The district may immediately withdraw a student if it is determined he/she is not a bona fide resident or was enrolled based on false information.**

State of Texas

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ - known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and considerations therein expressed. GIVEN under my hand and seal of office of this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

(Affix Notary Seal)

Notary Public, State of Texas