

EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education of Children Residing with an Adult other than Natural Parent

Section 13-1302 -- Pennsylvania School Code of 1949

The School Code states that:

When a resident of any school district keeps in his/her home a child of school age, not his/her own, supporting the child gratis as if the child were his/her own, such child shall be entitled to all school privileges accorded to resident school children of the district.

Before accepting such child as a pupil, the Board of School Directors of the district may require such resident to file with the Office of Student Services a sworn statement that he/she is a resident of the district, that he/she is supporting the child gratis, that he/she will assume all personal obligations for the child relative to school requirements, and that he/she intends to keep and support the child continuously and not merely through the school term.

To qualify, the following conditions must be met:

- .. the student must reside with the residents continuously and not merely through the school term.
- .. residents must support the child gratis.*
- .. residents must assume all personal obligations for the child relative to school requirements.

PROCEDURE:

1. Residents must file a sworn statement affirming their continuous support and assumption of personal obligations for the child in question before any school privileges can be extended.
2. Residents must file a sworn statement attesting to their residency within the East Penn School District before any school privileges can be extended.
3. This application is subject to review and verification.
4. Privileges of attendance may be revoked if the terms of the agreement are not met.
5. Pupils enrolled in our schools under Section 1302 must REENROLL with new forms prior to the opening of each school. Annual reenrollment will require additional documentation substantiating the continued support for the child gratis by the district resident.
6. Resident submits all forms and documentation to the Office of Student Services for review and verification

*A resident's receipt of public payments, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Transitional Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), pre-adoptive support or other payments for or on account of the child, shall not be deemed to be personal compensation or gain.

**SWORN STATEMENT BY RESIDENT UNDER § 13-1302
TO BE COMPLETED BY RESIDENT ONLY**

Instructions: Please complete the following statement. If the potential student is living, or will be living, in a household with more than one resident adult who will assume responsibility for the student, all such adult residents must complete and sign this statement.

This is a legal document. You may ask to see a copy of 24 P.S. § 13-1302 prior to signing this document and consult with an attorney if you have any questions or do not understand any portion of this document.

1. Your name(s) _____
Home Address _____
Home Telephone Number _____ Work Number _____
Mobile Number _____ Email Address _____
2. Do you live in the school district and does the child live with you? Yes _____ No _____
3. Child's Full Name _____
Birth Date _____ Grade _____
Name & Address of Last School Attended _____

Date child began/will begin to reside in your home _____
4. Are you supporting this child gratis (without personal compensation or gain)?
Yes _____ No _____
5. If your answer to Question 4 is "No", please identify:
 - (a) the individual(s) who will be providing support _____
 - (b) how much the individual(s) will be contributing _____
 - (c) how often will support be provided (i.e., weekly, monthly) _____
6. Will you assume all personal obligations related to school requirements for this child that may include providing for required immunizations, uniforms, fees/fines, citations/fines for truancy, attending parent-teacher conferences, or attending meetings/hearings concerning discipline? Yes _____ No _____
7. Will you assume the responsibility and obligation for making all education decisions?
Yes _____ No _____

8. If your answer to Question 7 is "No", please identify who will make the educational decisions _____
9. Who will claim this child as a dependent for state/federal Income Tax purposes?

10. Do you intend to keep and support the child continuously and not merely through the school term? Yes _____ No _____

Through my notarized signature, I/We understand that the school district, pursuant to guidelines issued by the Department of Education and their own written policy, may require other reasonable information to be submitted to confirm this sworn statement.

Signed by resident(s) and notarized

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this _____ day of _____, 20____

NOTARY PUBLIC

Signature of Director of Student Services: _____ Date _____

Signature of School Board Secretary: _____ Date _____

Per 24 P.S. §13-1302, a person who knowingly provides false information in the above statement for the purpose of enrolling a child in a school district for which the child is not eligible commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction for such violation, be sentenced to pay a fine of no more than three hundred dollars (\$300) for the benefit of the school district in which the person resides or to perform up to two hundred forty (240) hours of community service, or both. In addition, the person shall pay all court costs and shall be liable to the school district for an amount equal to the cost of tuition calculated in accordance with §2561 during the period of enrollment.

RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT

I/We attest that all information provided here is correct and current. I/We understand that if residency should change, for any reason, it is the responsibility of the resident to notify the East Penn School District and amend the Residency Affidavit. Any false statements can and will be punishable by law.

I/We, _____, currently reside at
Resident's Name[s]

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Homeowner's Verification

Homeowner's Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Approval has been granted for _____ to reside with
Child's Name

_____, at the address identified above.
Resident's Name[s]

Landlord Verification

Landlord's Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Approval has been granted for _____ to reside with
Child's Name

_____, at the address identified above.
Resident's Name(s)

Landlord's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Through my/our notarized signature(s), I/we grant the East Penn School District permission to review and investigate the above information that I/we have presented in this affidavit for confirmation and factual accuracy. I/We further understand that a change in status or non-compliance with any of the above information/statements may give the East Penn School District reason to remove the student from the right to attend the East Penn School District.

Signed by resident(s) and notarized: _____ Date: _____