

Katy Independent School District

## Affidavit of Bona Fide Residence

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NONPARENT, OWNER/RENTER OF RESIDENCE)

**Texas Penal Code, Section 37.10 Tampering with Governmental Record**

- (a) A person commits an offense if he:
- (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.
- (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. (A person found by a court to be guilty may be fined up to \$500.)

**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 district 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 of this code; or
  - (2) the amount the district has budgeted for each student as maintenance and operating expenses.
- (A person found guilty of falsifying information on an enrollment form may be liable for tuition for a sum in excess of \$5,000.)

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

This document is provided to establish that the persons listed below reside at the address indicated 24 hours per day, seven (7) days per week:

Name of Student:	Last	First	Middle	Grade Level	Campus
1)					
2)					
3)					
Name of Parent/Guardian:		Last	First	Middle	
Address:					

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 which is the student's fixed, permanent, and principal housing for legal purposes [24 hours per day, seven (7) days per week]. A student does not establish a bona fide residence by staying in the district or a particular attendance zone for only a portion of the week or only on school days unless this arrangement is specified in a divorce decree or other court order. **District peace officers shall verify bona fide residences as necessary.** The parent/guardian/adult student should contact the District's Athletic Department to determine if the residence qualifies as a bona fide residence for high school varsity UIL athletic purposes, if applicable.

It is my understanding that, since the house/apartment lease agreement and/or utility bills for the above address are in my name rather than the parent/guardian/adult student, this document is required as proof of residence. One of the following documents is submitted along with this statement at the time of enrollment to verify the residency:

1. A recent utility bill (other than a phone or cable bill) with my name and street address;
2. House or apartment lease agreement; or
3. An earnest money or purchase contract and a letter from a mortgage company indicating loan approval or proof from the home builder/realtor of cash payment verification.

If item #2 or #3 is submitted at the time of enrollment, I understand that a utility bill with my name and street address is required within 30 days of enrollment.

I have read the statements above and understand that falsification of a document related to school records is a criminal offense and that a person who knowingly falsifies information on a form required for enrollment is liable for tuition or costs if the student is not eligible for enrollment in the district. In addition to these penalties, a student's enrollment will be revoked if the above address is not the bona fide residence. I also understand that this document must be completed by me and filed by the person enrolling the student upon enrollment, and a renewal document must be completed by me and reviewed prior to the beginning of each school year as long as the same circumstances apply to the student's (students') bona fide residence.

Printed Name of Non-Parent:	Last	First	Middle	Phone Number
Signature of Non-Parent, Owner/Renter of Residence				Date

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 acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and considerations therein expressed. GIVEN under my hand and seal of office on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(Affix Notary Seal)

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 Notary Public, State of Texas