



# Pelham School District Residency Affidavit

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(use actual street address)

**Student Lives with:** \_\_\_\_\_

New Hampshire law provides that no one may send a pupil to school in any school district in which the pupil is not a "legal resident" without the consent of the School Board. The "legal residency of a minor child" is determined by RSA 193:12 as follows:

(Circle which one applies)

1. Parents live together. The legal residence of a minor student is where his or her parents reside.
2. Parents live apart but are not divorced. Legal residence is the residence of the parent with whom the child resides.
3. Parents are divorced with joint decision-making authority or joint legal custody. Residence is the residence of the parent with whom the child resides.
4. Parents are divorced and the decree or parenting plan specifies the student will go to school in Pelham and one of the parents resides in Pelham.
5. Parents are divorced and court ordered sole or primary residential responsibility or physical custody is awarded to one parent, residence of a child is the residence of that parent.
6. Parents are divorced and court order is for equal or approximately equal periods of residential responsibility. Residence is as stated in the court order.
7. Guardian appointed by court. Legal residence is the residence of the guardian.
8. Children in court ordered residential placements, foster homes or group homes are determined in accordance with RSA 193:28.

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\_\_\_\_ I (We) understand and acknowledge that the truth of the information contained in this Affidavit will be relied upon by the School District in determining the legal residence of the student and the student's right to be provided with a free education at the expense of the Pelham School District in accordance with the education laws of the State of New Hampshire.

\_\_\_\_ I (We) certify, swear, and affirm that the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete under pains and penalties of New Hampshire law.

\_\_\_\_ I (We) understand that providing misleading or false information about a student's residence is a criminal offense under RSA 641:2, RSA 641:3, and RSA 641:7. In addition, if this Affidavit is untrue, I (we) agree to pay tuition for my (our) child/children to the Pelham School District.

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

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

Please attach copies of two documents establishing residence acceptable to the district (see reverse) and a copy of a guardianship order, parenting plan or parent custody order, if applicable.

## **Proof of Residency Documents**

Proof of residency documents are documents that indicate where a parent or guardian currently resides. Drivers licenses and passports are not listed as proof of residency documents because they remain in effect for long periods of time and may not list a current address even though the law requires that the addresses be kept up to date. Pelham requires two different proofs of residency.

Acceptable proofs of residency include:

- Recent property tax bill;
- Current signed lease agreement;
- Current purchase and sale agreement (if moving into the District);
- Recent rent receipts;
- Recent electric, gas, oil, and/or water bill;
- Bank statement;
- Public assistance card;
- Recent credit card bill.

For parents who are divorced or for guardians, the District requires copies of the parenting and guardianship orders.