

HARDING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

REGISTRATION FORM

DATE: ____/____/____
M D Y

NJ SID (office use only) _____

STUDENT: _____ **Male** / **Female**
Last Name First Name Middle Name Gender at Birth

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ **AGE:** _____ **GRADE ENTERED:** _____
M D Y

CITY, STATE OF BIRTH: _____ **COUNTRY OF BIRTH:** _____

FIRST DATE OF ENTRY TO A USA SCHOOL (If not born in the USA): _____

ETHNICITY (Please check all that apply):

White Black American Indian Hispanic/Latino Asian Pacific

NAME OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT IF OTHER THAN PARENT:

STUDENT'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS WITH TOWN & ZIP:

STUDENT'S MAILING ADDRESS WITH TOWN & ZIP (If Different):

HOME TELEPHONE WITH AREA CODE: _____ **FAX** (If Any): _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN CELL: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN CELL: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN PHYSICAL ADDRESS WITH TOWN & ZIP:

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN MAILING ADDRESS WITH TOWN & ZIP (IF DIFFERENT):

HOME TELEPHONE (Include Area Code): _____ **FAX** (If Any): _____

NATIVE LANGUAGE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN/PERSON ENROLLING STUDENT: _____

(If English is not the native language, please check here _____ Please note that there is **no** requirement that English must be your native language in order to enroll the student in the District.)

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PREVIOUS SCHOOL: _____
Name Address

SIBLINGS NAME & GRADE:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mother/Guardian Work Phone: _____ Father/Guardian Work Phone: _____

Contact #1:

Name Phone Relationship

Contact #2:

Name Phone Relationship

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

Parent Signature Printed Name

Dated: _____

DISCLAIMER: Federal Laws prohibit discrimination in public education, including discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or immigration status. This information will not be disclosed to any entities for the purposes of determining immigration status, and all school districts are required by law to seek this information to ensure all school districts are compliant with federal and state discrimination and civil rights laws. This information will not be used by the school for any purpose to determine a student's residency.

For Office Use Only

School ID No. _____ Enrollment Date: _____ State of N.J Register Entry Code: _____
Authority of Birth: Birth Certificate _____ Passport _____ Other _____ Proof of Residency: _____
Previous School Records Requested _____ Previous School Records Received _____ Transfer Card Received _____
Verification _____ Date _____

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION: PLEASE READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

The questions asked in the following pages will enable the District to determine your student's eligibility to attend school in this district in accordance with New Jersey law. Please be aware that N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:22 require that a free public education be provided to students between the ages of 5 and 20, and to certain students under 5 and over 20 as specified in other applicable law, who are:

- Domiciled in the district, *i.e.*, the child of a parent or guardian, or an adult student, whose permanent home is located within the district. A home is permanent when the parent, guardian or adult student intends to return to it when absent and has no present intent of moving from it, notwithstanding the existence of homes or residences elsewhere;
- Living with a person, other than the parent or guardian, who is domiciled in the district and is supporting the student without compensation, as if the student were his or her own child, because the parent cannot support the child due to family or economic hardship;
- Living with a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent or guardian, where the parent/guardian is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the reserve component of the U.S. armed forces and has been ordered into active military service in the U.S. armed forces in time of war or national emergency;
- Living with a parent or guardian who is temporarily residing in the district;
- The child of a parent or guardian who moves to another district as the result of being homeless;
- Placed in the home of a district resident by court order pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-2;
- The child of a parent or guardian who previously resided in the district but is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the United States reserves and has been ordered to active service in time of war or national emergency, resulting in relocation of the student, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3(b);
- Residing on federal property within the State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-7.7 et seq.

Note that "guardian" means a person to whom a court of competent jurisdiction has awarded guardianship or custody of a child, provided that a residential custody order shall entitle a child to attend school in the residential custodian's school district subject to a rebuttable presumption that the child is actually living with such custodian; it also means the Department of Children and Families for purposes of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1(e). Also note that a student is entitled to attend school in the district of domicile notwithstanding that the student is qualified to attend school in a different district as an "affidavit" student or temporary resident.

Note that the following do not affect a student's eligibility to enroll in school:

- Physical condition of housing or compliance with local housing ordinances or terms of lease;
- Immigration/visa status, except for students holding or seeking a visa (F-1) issued specifically for the purpose of limited study on a tuition basis in a United States public secondary school;
- Absence of a certified copy of birth certificate or other proof of a student's identity, although these must be provided within 30 days of initial enrollment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-25.1;
- Absence of student medical information, although actual attendance at school may be deferred as necessary in compliance with rules regarding immunization of students, N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq.
- Absence of a student's prior educational record, although the initial educational placement of the student may be subject to revision upon receipt of records or further assessment by the district.

PROOFS TO ESTABLISH DOMICILE TO ATTEND HARDING SCHOOL DISTRICT (N.J.A.C. 6A:28-2.5)

The following forms of documentation may demonstrate a student's eligibility for enrollment in the district. Particular documentation necessary to demonstrate eligibility under specific provisions in law will be indicated in the appropriate section of the registration form.

- Property tax bills, deeds, contracts of sale, leases, mortgages, signed letters from landlords and other evidence of property ownership, tenancy or residency;
- Voter registrations, licenses, permits, financial account information, utility bills, delivery receipts, and other evidence of personal attachment to a particular location;

- Court orders, State agency agreements and other evidence of court or agency placements or directives;
- Receipts, bills, cancelled checks and other evidence of expenditures demonstrating personal attachment to a particular location, or, where applicable, to support of the student;
- Medical reports, counselor or social worker assessments, employment documents, benefit statements, and other evidence of circumstances demonstrating, where applicable, family or economic hardship, or temporary residency;
- Affidavits, certifications and sworn attestations pertaining to statutory criteria for school attendance, from the parent, guardian, person keeping an “affidavit student,” adult student, person(s) with whom a family is living, or others as appropriate;
- Documents pertaining to military status and assignment;
- Any business record or document issued by a governmental entity;
- Any other form of documentation relevant to demonstrating entitlement to attend school.

You will **not** be asked for any information or document protected from disclosure by law or pertaining to criteria which are not legitimate bases for determining eligibility to attend school. You may *voluntarily* disclose any document or information you believe will help establish that the student meets the requirements of law for entitlement to attend school in the district, but **we may not, directly or indirectly, require or request:**

- Income tax returns;
- Documentation/information relating to citizenship or immigration/visa status, unless the student holds or is applying for an F-1 visa (see N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.3(b));
- Documentation/information relating to compliance with local housing ordinances or conditions of tenancy
- Social security numbers.

The District shall consider **the totality of information and documentation** offered by an applicant. Further, the District will not exclude from consideration any documentation or information presented by an applicant nor deny enrollment based on failure to provide a particular form or subset of documents without regard to other evidence presented. Please be aware that any initial determination of the student’s eligibility to attend school in this district is subject to more thorough review and subsequent re-evaluation, and that tuition may be assessed in the event that an initially admitted student is later found ineligible. If your student is found ineligible, now or later, you will be provided the reasons for our decision and instructions on how to appeal.

<p>To the Person Enrolling the Student: Please complete the appropriate section A, B, C or D below according to the situation best matching the student’s circumstances:</p>
<p>Complete SECTION A (DOMICILE) if: The student is the child of a parent or guardian or an adult student, whose permanent home is the address given on page 1 of this application and is located in the district.</p>
<p>Complete SECTION B (“AFFIDAVIT” STUDENT) if: The student is living with a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent or guardian.</p>
<p>Complete SECTION C (TEMPORARY STUDENT) if: The student is living with a parent or guardian temporarily residing within the district.</p>
<p>Complete SECTION D (SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES) if: The student’s situation is not addressed by Section A, B, or C OR if any of the circumstances in Section D apply.</p>

SECTION A (DOMICILE):

Complete this section if the student is the child of a parent or guardian, or an adult student, whose permanent home is the address given on page 1 of this application and is located in the district. If you are the student’s guardian, or will be the guardian of a student from out of state following expiration of the required 6-month waiting period, you will be asked to provide official papers proving guardianship. You will not be asked to produce “affidavit student” proofs of the type requested in Section B packet below.

How long have you lived in this home?

Do you have any present intention of moving from this home? If so, when and to where?

Do you have residences(s) elsewhere, and, if so, where are they and when do you live there?

Please list four forms of proof (see the “Proofs to Establish Domicile with the District” for acceptable documents) you will provide to demonstrate that the address given on page 1 of this application is your permanent home.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

If the student's parents are domiciled in different districts, regardless of which parent has custody, please answer the following questions:

Is there a court order or written agreement between the parents designating the district for school attendance, and if so, where does it require the student to attend school? (You will be asked to provide a copy of this document.) _____

Does the student reside with one parent for the entire year? If so, with which parent and at what address?

If not, for what portion of time does the student reside with each parent and at what addresses?

If the student lives with both parents on an equal-time, alternating week/month or other similar basis, with which parent did the student reside on the last school day prior to October 16 preceding the date of this application? _____

Please note: No district is required, as a result of being the district of domicile for school attendance purposes where a student lives with more than one parent, to provide transportation for a student residing outside the district for part of the school year, other than transportation based upon the home of the parent domiciled within the district to the extent required by law.

If you are claiming to be an emancipated student, are you living independently in your own permanent home in the district? If yes, please describe the proofs you will provide, in addition to those demonstrating domicile, to demonstrate that you are not in the care and custody of a parent or guardian.

Please note: Under New Jersey law, where a dwelling is located within two or more local school districts, or bears a mailing address that does not reflect the dwelling's physical location within a municipality, the district of domicile for school attendance purposes is that of the municipality to which the resident pays the majority of his or her property tax, or to which the majority of property tax for the dwelling in question is paid by the owner of a multi-unit dwelling.

----- END OF SECTION A -----

SECTION B ("AFFIDAVIT" STUDENT):

Complete the attached packet if the student is living with a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent or guardian.

Please note: A student will not be considered ineligible because the required sworn statements(s) cannot be obtained, so long as evidence is presented that the underlying requirements of the law are being met. A student will not be considered ineligible when evidence is presented that the student has no home or possibility of school attendance other than with a non-parent district resident who is acting as the sole caretaker and supporter of the student.

A student will not be considered ineligible solely because a parent or guardian provides gifts or limited contributions, financial or otherwise, toward the welfare of the student, provided that the resident keeping the student receives no payment or other remuneration from the parent or guardian for the student's actual housing and support. Receipt by the resident of social security or other similar benefits on behalf of the student do not render a student ineligible. It is not necessary that guardianship or custody be obtained before a student will be considered for enrollment on an "affidavit" basis

----- END OF SECTION B -----

SECTION C (TEMPORARY RESIDENT):

Complete this section if the student is living with a parent or guardian temporarily residing within the district, even if the parent has a domicile elsewhere.

How long have you lived in this home?

Do you have any present intention of moving from this home? If so, when and to where?

Do you have residences(s) elsewhere, and, if so, where are they and when do you live there?

Please list four forms of proof (see the “Proofs to Establish Domicile with the District” for acceptable documents) you will provide to demonstrate that the address given on page 1 of this application is your permanent home.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please note: Under New Jersey law, where a dwelling is located within two or more local school districts, or bears a mailing address that does not reflect the dwelling's physical location within a municipality, the district of domicile for school attendance purposes is that of the municipality to which the resident pays the majority of his or her property tax, or to which the majority of property tax for the dwelling in question is paid by the owner of a multi-unit dwelling.

If the student's parents are domiciled in different districts, regardless of which parent has custody, please answer the following questions:

Is there a court order or written agreement between the parents designating the district for school attendance, and if so, where does it require the student to attend school? (You will be asked to provide a copy of this document.) _____

Does the student reside with one parent for the entire year? If so, with which parent and at what address?

If not, for what portion of time does the student reside with each parent and at what addresses?

If the student lives with both parents on an equal-time, alternating week/month or other similar basis, with which parent did the student reside on the last school day prior to October 16 preceding the date of this application? _____

Please note: No district is required, as a result of being the district of temporary residence for school attendance purposes where a student lives with more than one parent, to provide transportation for a student residing outside the district for part of the school year, other than transportation based upon the home of the parent residing within the district to the extent required by law.

----- **END OF SECTION C** -----

SECTION D (SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES):

Please indicate **if any of the following apply.**

_____ The student is the child of a parent or guardian who has moved to another district as the result of being homeless.

_____ The student has been placed in the home of a district resident other than the parent or guardian by court order. (You will be required to provide a copy of the order.)

_____ The student has been placed in the district by the Department of Children and Families acting as the student's guardian.

_____ The student is a child of a parent or guardian who previously resided in the district and is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the United States reserves ordered to active service in time of war or national emergency, resulting in relocation of the student.

_____ The student is kept in the home of a person domiciled in the district, other than the parent or guardian, and the parent/guardian a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the reserve component of the United States armed forces and has been ordered into active military service in the United States armed forces in time of war or national emergency. If this applies, when is the parent or guardian expected to return from active military duty? _____

_____ The student resides on federal property? Where? _____

_____ The student's circumstances do not appear to be addressed anywhere in this application.

If the student's circumstances do not appear to be addressed in this application, please briefly explain the circumstances:

You will be contacted by the District administration for further information and assistance in completing the necessary forms.

----- **END OF SECTION D** -----