

St. Johns County Schools Registration Requirements - Residency

Residency Process

In order for a student to be eligible to enroll in St. Johns County schools, the student's residence must be in St. Johns County. A student's residence is defined as the primary current residence of the student, parents or legal guardian(s). If a student's parents or legal guardians live in separate residences while sharing physical custody under the terms of a court-order the student may attend the school zoned for either residence with appropriate residency documentation.

Full and Complete Current Residency

If the student's primary residence changes, notification and updated documentation must be provided to the school within 10 school days.

<u>Current students must re-verify residency before transitioning to middle school (6th grade) and high school (9th grade).</u>

Residency Fraud

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are committing residency fraud if they submit an address during the enrollment process that is not their true residence.

If there is reasonable suspicion that the student is not residing at the claimed address, the following procedures may be implemented at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

- A letter may be sent to parent(s) who have conflicting address information requesting that the parent verify and update enrollment information. This may be followed by a phone conversation or home visit.
- The school staff may examine the Property Appraiser's website to determine the parent's homestead (primary residence) location. The homestead address of the parent will be used as a factor to determine **the student's zoned** school. A conflicting address indicates that further investigation is required.

If it is determined that the student is attending a school outside of their zone, the student shall be withdrawn by the school and must be registered and enrolled in the appropriate zoned school.

In all cases the Superintendent or designee reserves the right to make an independent investigation and to make the final determination as to the residence of a student.

The Attendance Zone Locator (<u>http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/</u>) should be used to determine the appropriate zoned school. Out of Zone Waiver information is available at http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/transfers/.



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Proof of Residency

St. Johns County School District requires detailed proof of residency provided by a parent/guardian or adult student. Follow the requirements below that best describes your living situation.

If you are a Home Owner

you **MUST** provide the following <u>three</u> documents:

- ✓ current mortgage/HUD statement (dated within 30 days) or deed, with all required signatures
- ✓ one current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new services an activation notice may be accepted)
- ✓ driver's license/ID card (for identification purposes only)

AND you MUST provide <u>one</u> additional current document showing your address from the list below:

- ✓ bank statement
- ✓ cell phone statement
- ✓ credit card statement
- ✓ homeowners insurance policy
- ✓ medical insurance statement
- ✓ paycheck stub
- ✓ property tax record
- \checkmark vehicle registration
- ✓ one additional current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new services an activation notice may be accepted)

If you are a Renter

you **MUST** provide the following <u>three</u> documents:

- ✓ Current lease with the names of everyone living in the household listed on the lease. Lease must have both tenant and landlord/property manager's signature and contact information. If the lease is month to month, a letter from the landlord/owner/property manager is required.
- ✓ one current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new services an activation notice may be accepted)
- ✓ driver's license/ID card (for identification purposes only)

AND you MUST provide one additional current document showing your address from the list below:

- ✓ bank statement
- \checkmark cell phone statement
- ✓ credit card statement
- ✓ renters insurance policy
- ✓ medical insurance statement
- ✓ paycheck stub
- \checkmark vehicle registration
- ✓ one additional current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new service, an activation confirmation may be accepted)



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If you are living with a person who owns their home

the *Homeowner* MUST provide the following <u>four</u> documents:

- ✓ current mortgage/HUD statement (dated within 30 days) or deed, with all required signatures
- ✓ one additional current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new services an activation notice may be accepted)
- ✓ Homeowner's Acknowledgement form
- ✓ driver's license/ID card (for identification purposes only)

AND you MUST provide:

- ✓ *Affidavit of Residency* form
- ✓ driver's license/ID card (for identification purposes only)

AND you MUST provide <u>one</u> additional current document showing current address from list below:

- ✓ bank statement
- ✓ cell phone statement
- ✓ credit card statement
- ✓ paycheck stub
- \checkmark vehicle registration
- ✓ one additional current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new services an activation notice may be accepted)

If you are living with a person who is a renter

the *Homeowner* MUST complete:

✓ notarized *Homeowner's Acknowledgement* form

AND the *Renter* MUST provide the following three documents:

- \checkmark current lease (with the name of everyone living in the household listed on the lease)
- ✓ current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new services an activation notice may be accepted)
- ✓ driver's license/ID card (for identification purposes only)

AND you MUST provide:

- ✓ *Affidavit of Residency* form
- ✓ driver's license/ID card (for identification purposes only)

AND you MUST provide one additional current document from the list below: \Box bank statement

- ✓ cell phone statement
- ✓ credit card statement
- ✓ paycheck stub
- \checkmark vehicle registration
- ✓ one additional current utility bill dated within 30 days (for new services an activation notice may be accepted)



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Florida Immunization Requirements: FAQs

What are the school immunization requirements for children entering a Florida school for the first time or relocating from another state to Florida?

• Immunization requirements for children to attend school in Florida can be found at: www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/schoolguide.pdf (full text Immunization Guidelines document dated March 2013)

Where can I find the recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 0 through 18 years?

• www.floridahealth.gov/%5C/programs-and-services/immunization/children-and-adolescents/schoolimmunization-requirements/index.html (quick look schedule flyer)

Without medical insurance how can I get my children immunized?

- The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is a federal program that provides eligible children with all recommended vaccines at no cost. The federal government pays for the vaccines. Doctors and clinics agree to give the vaccines to children who qualify.
- Children from birth through 18 years of age can receive VFC vaccine if they:
 - Are enrolled in Medicaid (including Medipass and Medicaid HMOs); have no health insurance; are an American Indian or Alaskan Native as defined by the Indian Health Services Act (25 U.S.C. 1603) or underinsured.
 - Underinsured includes: Those who have commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines. Whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only). Whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount, once that coverage amount is reached these children are categorized as underinsured.

*Health Departments in all counties participate in the VFC Program. ALL children can receive immunizations through the Dept. of Health with or without insurance.

How can I get a religious exemption from immunization for my child?

• A request for a religious exemption from immunization requirements must be presented to the facility/school on the Department of Health's *Religious Exemption Form Immunization* (DH 681 Form). The Form is issued ONLY by county health departments and ONLY for a child who is not immunized because of his/her family's religious tenets or practices. Religious exemption from immunization requirements is located at: www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/schoolguide.pdf (religious exemptions from immunizations are good indefinitely)

How can I get a Temporary Medical Exemption for my child?

• Health care providers may grant a Temporary Medical Exemption for children who are in the process of completing any necessary immunizations. The Temporary Medical Exemption requires an expiration date after which the exemption is no longer valid. The immunizations must be completed on or before that date. Temporary Medical Exemptions must be documented in Part B of the DH 680 Form.



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How can I get a Permanent Medical Exemption for my child?

• Health care providers may grant a Permanent Medical Exemption for children who cannot be fully immunized due to medical reasons. In this case, the child's physician must state in writing, the reasons for exemption based on valid clinical reasoning or evidence. This must be documented in Part C on the DH 680 Form. (permanent medical exemptions from immunizations are good indefinitely)

How can I get a current and accurate immunization record for my child for school?

- Contact your child's health care provider who maintains your child's immunization records. Their office can provide you with your child's *Florida Certification of Immunization* (DH Form 680), the form needed for school.
- Another place to look is at the County Health Department (CHD). If you received any immunizations there, they may be able to provide you with an immunization history. Locate a CHD in your area at http://www.floridahealth.gov/public-health-in-your-life/county-health-departments/CHDlisting.html.
- If your child has attended a child care center or school, they may have a copy of your child's immunization history on file at the center/school depending on how long ago they attended.

What is Florida SHOTS and how does it work?

- Florida SHOTS (State Health Online Tracking System) is a free, statewide, centralized online immunization registry that helps parents, health care providers and schools keep track of immunization records. Ask your health care provider for a personal identification number so you can view your child's immunization history and print a copy of your child's *Florida Certification of Immunization* (DH Form 680).
- For more information visit the Florida SHOTS website at: <u>http://www.flshotsusers.com</u> You can also call the Florida SHOTS Help Desk at 1-877-888-7468.



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AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY Valid for <u>Current</u> School Year Only

For families residing with a homeowner or renter

Under the penalty of perjury and Florida law governing false statements made to public servants, I certify that the information included in this form is true and correct.

Student's name:	
Explain your current living situation.	
Current address:	
Previous address:	
Dates from:	_ Date to:
Current owner/landlord/property manager name:	
Address:	Phone Number
(Print parent/guardian name)	(Parent/guardian signature)
STATE OF/COUNTY OF	
SUBSCRIBED and SWORN before me on this day of	, 20,
By, who () is personally known t	to me or () has produced a Florida Driver's License.
nature of Notary Name of Notary typed, printed or stamped	
Notary Public, State of at Larg	ge
My Commission Number is	
My Commission expires	

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HOMEOWNER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
Valid for <u>Current</u> School Year Only		
Under the penalty of perjury and Florida law governing false statements made to public servants, I certify that the information included in this form is true and correct.		
I acknowledge that		
(Owner)	(Additional residents)	
Reside at		
(Print Homeowner's name)	(Homeowner's signature)	
Owner's Contact Information:		
(Address)	(Phone number)	
This lease is: annual month to month		
STATE OF/COUNTY OF		
SUBSCRIBED and SWORN before me on this day of	, 20,	
By, who () is personally known to me or () has produced a Florida Driver's License.		
Signature of Notary	Name of Notary typed, printed or stamped	
Notary Public, State of at Large		
My Commission Number is		
My Commission expires		