

# Bradford Area School District

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*"No member of our team is more important than the students we serve."*

## GUIDELINES FOR REASONABLE INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE SWORN STATEMENT BY RESIDENT UNDER 24 P.S. §13-1302

Pursuant to Act 35 of 2001 (24 P.S. §13-1302(a)(2)), school districts may request information from the resident to substantiate the assertions made in the sworn statement of the resident, provided that the district has adopted a policy regarding this additional substantiating information and that the policy conforms with this Basic Education Circular. If the school district has elected to require substantiating information and advised the resident thereof, then the resident must submit the information before the district is required to accept the child as a student.

A district may require that more than one form of residency confirmation be provided. However school districts and charter schools should be flexible in verifying residency, and should consider what information is reasonable in light of the family's situation. Examples of documentation that can support the factors in §1302 include:

### **Signer is a Resident of the District**

- Current Utility bill, or
- Deed, or
- Lease, or
- Department of Transportation identification or drivers license, or
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation vehicle registration, or
- Property tax bill, or
- Copy of State/Federal program enrollment, (examples include, but not limited to, TANF or CHIP), or
- Current credit card bill.

### **Signer is Supporting the Child Gratis**

- Copy of completed county form or court order transferring child support payments to resident, if applicable, or
- Copy of completed State form notifying Department of Welfare of child's new residence, if applicable,
- Sworn statement by the resident.

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

**Signer will Assume All Personal Obligations for the Child Relative to School Requirements** Sworn statement by resident shall be satisfactory evidence thereof.

**Signer Intends to so Keep and Support the Child Continuously and Not Merely Through the School Term** Sworn statement by resident shall be satisfactory evidence thereof.

