

**Fairhaven Public Schools
School Admission / Residency
Resident Affidavit**

This form is to be completed by the person who is a resident of the Town of Fairhaven and whom the child who is seeking enrollment to the Fairhaven Public Schools is residing with.

I _____, swear under oath, that the following information is true:

1. _____, a child of school age, is living with me at _____ (address), _____ (City), MA.
2. I/we understand that temporary residence of a child in the Town of Fairhaven, solely for the purpose of attending the Fairhaven Public Schools is not considered a "residency."
3. I/we understand that I am required to notify the Fairhaven Public Schools or the above student's school, in writing, of any change in said student's address within five (5) calendar days of such change of address.
4. I/we understand that all students must reside in the Town of Fairhaven. (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 76, sec 5 (M.G.L. c. 76, § 5.) states that every person shall have a right to attend the public schools of the town where he/she actually resides, subject to the following section. No School Committee is required to enroll a person who does not actually reside in the town unless said enrollment is authorized by law or by the School Committee. No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.
5. I understand that this *Affidavit* will be relied upon by the Fairhaven Public Schools for the purpose of determining the above student's eligibility to attend the Fairhaven Public Schools on the basis of residency. Should a question arise concerning any student's residency, the student's residency will be subject to further inquiry and/or investigation. Such questions concerning residency may arise on the basis of incomplete, suspicious, or contradictory proofs of address; anonymous tips; correspondence that is returned to the Fairhaven Public Schools because of an invalid or unknown address, or other grounds. The Fairhaven School Committee retains the right to obtain the services of police or investigative agency personnel to conduct investigations into student residence. The police and/or residency investigator(s) will report his/her findings to the Superintendent of Schools, who shall make the final determination regarding residency. Students found to be in violation of the residency policy may be unenrolled from the Fairhaven Public Schools. **The parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student found to be in violation of this policy, as well as any other individual who assists in the violation of this policy, may be jointly and severally liable to the Fairhaven Public Schools for the costs of the student's educational services as provided in M.G.L. c. 76, § 5.** A parent, legal guardian, or student who has reached the age of majority (18) who is aggrieved by a determination of non-residency may appeal the determination to the Superintendent of Schools, whose decision shall be final.

Resident's Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury

(Signature)

(Date)

This form must be presented to and signed and notarized by a duly authorized Notary Public in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Bristol County

(Notary Public)

(Date)

Commission Expires _____