

# The Birches Academy of Academics and Art Proof of Residency Policy

#### **PURPOSE**

The Birches Academy of Academics & Art is a public school for students in grades K-8. Like other public schools, The Birches Academy of Academics & Art is free for students who are New Hampshire residents. Residence is defined as the place where a student eats morning and evening meals, sleeps during the week and where their clothes are kept. A Residency Affidavit form will be required prior to final confirmation of enrollment.

Our funding comes from the state of New Hampshire and we also receive Special Education services from school districts throughout New Hampshire. This policy is necessary as we are required to prove to both the New Hampshire Department of Education and to school districts that all of our student population is New Hampshire residents.

### ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCY

The Birches Academy will require each of the following documents along with the Residency Affidavit. Additional proof of residency forms may be required.

Some school districts require the student to go to their district to register also or before enrolling in The Birches Academy and that list is maintained by the school's administrative assistant.

- 1. A New Hampshire Driver's License
- 2. A New Hampshire Vehicle Registration
- 3. One of the following: A current year's New Hampshire tax bill **OR** a current year's Purchase and Sale **OR** a current Lease Agreement
- 4. One of the following: A current year's utility bill **OR** proof of banking **OR** a current year's paycheck with your NH address

#### PARENTING AGREEMENT

If parenting responsibility and living arrangements are shared, parents must provide any legal agreements that demonstrate, for the purpose of educational needs, where the child resides.

## **FALSE INFORMATION**

If it is determined that false information regarding New Hampshire residency has been given to The Birches Academy, enrollment opportunity to the school will be rescinded.