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Paramus Public Schools
Paramus, New Jersey

Form 200

ENROLLMENT OF AFFIDAVIT STUDENTS

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to register in the Paramus Public Schools, you must complete the attached forms as well as provide all required documents as described on page two. A child between the ages of five and under twenty who is living/residing in the home of an adult, not his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), residing within the boundaries of the Paramus School District, may be enrolled, tuition-free, in the schools of the district provided that all requirements of New Jersey law are met. New Jersey Statute I 8A:38-1 provides that a child living with such a resident must be:

- supported gratis (free of charge) by the resident as if the child were the resident's own child; and
- kept and supported in the resident's home because of family or economic hardship in the child's family and not simply to attend one of the schools in the district.
- The child must reside in the resident's home throughout the calendar year and remain for longer than the school year.

The resident must assume all responsibility for the child relative to school requirements, function as the child's parent(s) guardian(s) and sign a sworn affidavit attesting to same. Furthermore, New Jersey law also requires that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) permitting their child to live with another individual must be incapable of supporting or providing care for the child due to family and/or economic hardship. The parent(s) must sign a sworn affidavit attesting to the existence of such problems. Affidavits must be submitted by the resident.

DOCUMENTATION

In order to satisfy legal requirements, residents who are not the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a child, seeking to enroll that child in the Paramus Public Schools, shall submit to the district the admission forms and legal affidavits enclosed in the admission packet **annually** and present the documents listed on page two. **All documents presented must be originals and one copy of each original document.**

COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT FORMS

AFFIDAVIT DOCUMENTS:

Information and documents to substantiate economic and/or family hardship from the parent/guardian and the District resident as described in detail below.

Affidavit Documentation

The affidavits should be accompanied by information and documentation to verify the existence of a hardship and the amount of support provided. Failure to submit sufficient information to establish compliance with the law may result in the denial of the application. The information and documentation provided with the admission request shall be used by the District to determine the validity of the request. If the evidence does not support the validity of the request, the child will not be permitted to enroll.

Economic Hardship

In the event you are stating, under oath, that economic hardship exists which prevents the parent from supporting and providing care for the pupil, submit information and documentation to support the validity of that claim, which may include, but not limited to, information and documentation verifying: salary; unemployment status, receipt of federal and/or state public assistance or other benefits; bank statements; bankruptcy court information; former employer information; and such other information and documentation which will establish economic hardship.

Family Hardship

In the event you are stating, under oath, that a **family hardship** exists which prevents the parent from supporting and providing care for the pupil, submit information and documentation to support the validity of that claim, which may include, but not be limited to, information and documentation verifying: medical and/or mental health treatment; DYES and/or other child welfare agency involvement; and such other information and documentation which will establish family hardship.

Economic and Family Hardship

In the event you are stating, under oath, that both **family and economic hardship** exist which prevent the parent from supporting and providing care for the pupil, submit information and documentation to support the validity of both claims.

You bear the burden to provide proof sufficient to establish the existence of a family or economic hardship which renders the parent incapable of providing support or care for the pupil. Fraudulent statements or claims for admission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.