

**NORTH CAROLINA  
CABARRUS COUNTY**

**CERTIFICATION OF DOMICILE**

*Education Law in North Carolina*, a publication of the Institute of Government and the Principal's Executive Program in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, states the following:

- 1. Domicile.** In applying the requirements of G.S. 115c-366, it is necessary to distinguish between domicile and residence. North Carolina courts have said that establishing domicile requires "legal capacity, physical presence and intent to acquire domicile."<sup>334</sup> In other words, to establish a new domicile one must actually move to a new location intending to abandon one's prior domicile and remain in the new location as a permanent home for an indefinite period. <sup>335</sup> In contrast, a residence is an established home, but it need not be one's exclusive home. A person may have more than one residence but only one domicile. For example if someone has his permanent home in the city and a weekend retreat at the lake, he has a residence in both locations, but his domicile is the city because he did not intend to abandon that residence as a permanent home when he took up lodging at the lake. Likewise, if a family lives permanently in one school system and establishes a second home in an adjoining school system for the purpose of sending the children to the neighboring school system, the family has not established domicile in the second location because it has a continuing intention to return to its permanent home.
- 2. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 14-209, if it is found that a person willfully and knowingly provided false information in this sworn affidavit, the student will be removed from school and the maker of the affidavit shall be guilty of a Class F felony and shall pay to the local board an amount equal to the cost of educating the student during the period of enrollment (if the student is not a domiciliary of the local school administrative unit). Repayment shall not include State funds. Offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.**

By my signature below, I certify that I have read the preceding description of "domicile," and I further certify that my domicile is located at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City, State, Zip Code*

In addition, I hereby certify that the address written above became my domicile according to the

definition above on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Month Year*

So certified, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Month Year*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Adult with Whom Parent/Custodian is Living (if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Legal Custodian* (Seal)

Parent/Custodian of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name(s) of Student(s)*

**NORTH CAROLINA  
CABARRUS COUNTY**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public