



State of Arizona
Department of Education
Office of Diane M. Douglas
Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction



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School Administrator,

With the 2017-18 school year underway, we wanted to share some information on a new law that will affect your enrollment policies and procedures, specifically for students of military families. Children in these families are left to the mercy of changing military orders which often require them to move with relatively short notice to different states. This lack of continuity can be disruptive to a child's education. To allow these families to more easily take advantage of our open enrollment process to transition into Arizona schools, Laws 2017 Chapter 56 (H.B. 2107 Schools; Nonresident Pupils; Military Duty) requires local education agencies (LEAs) to accept electronic enrollment and course registration for students whose parents are transferring or pending transfer to a military installation in Arizona.

Provisions of H.B. 2107

1. Requires an LEA to accept an enrollment application and course registration through electronic means for a student whose parents have active military duty status and are transferring or pending transfer to a military installation in Arizona.
2. States a student complies with the residency requirements for school attendance if the parent of the student is transferring or pending transfer to a military installation within the state while on active military duty.
3. Requires a parent to provide the school proof of residency within 10 days after the arrival date provided on official documentation if the student enrolled electronically.
4. Allows a parent to use the address of any of the following as proof of residence:
 - a. a temporary on-base billeting facility;
 - b. a purchased or leased home or apartment; or
 - c. any federal government housing or off-base military housing including off-base military housing that may be provided through a public-private venture.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date (August 9th, 2017)

You can view the full text of the bill here: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/53Leg/1R/laws/0056.pdf>

As always, ADE is happy to answer any questions you may have as you prepare to implement this policy change. Please reach out to Cassie O'Quin at cassie.o'quin@azed.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane M. Douglas".

Diane M. Douglas
Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction