

DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE ADULT FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **When does *Designation of Responsible Adult* apply?**

Designation of Responsible Adult only applies when at least one (or both) of the student's parents live in Utah and extends permission to 'Responsible Adult' to **enroll** his/her/their child (children) in a Washington County School District school. If both parents live outside of Utah; Legal Guardianship appointed by the 5th District Court is mandatory.

- **Who can be designated as a *Responsible Adult*?**

The person must be at least 21 years old and be willing to provide for the physical, mental, moral, and emotional health of the child (children), which includes assuming responsibility for any fees or other charges relating to the child's education.

- **How long does the *Designation of a Responsible Adult* last?**

The designation remains in affect until (1) the child turns 18, or is married, (2) The designation expires, if such a date is indicated on the document, (3) the designation is revoked, in writing, by the MOTHER, FATHER, or RESPONSIBLE ADULT, (4) the designation is revoked by the Washington County School District, or (5) superseded by an order from a court.

- **Is *Designation of a Responsible Adult* the same as *Legal Guardianship*?**

No. Designation of a Responsible Adult is not done through the court. It does not carry the same rights and privileges as Legal Guardianship appointed by a court of Law.

- **Can I use my completed 'Designation of Responsible Adult' form for things other than student enrollment?**

NO. The 'Designation of Responsible Adult' is a WCS D document and is to be used for enrollment purposes only. Most state and federal agencies will not recognize it. In that case; **Legal Guardianship** appointed by a court of law is recommended.

- **How do I start the paperwork to complete the '*Designation of Responsible Adult*'?**

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