

## ACCEPTABLE VERIFICATION OF BIRTH

Public Act 84 of 1987 requires that a district have a certified copy of the birth certificate on file FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS (not just kindergarten).

If a certified copy of the birth certificate is not available, the district may accept other reliable proof (see examples below) of the child's identity and age, together with an affidavit explaining the inability of produce a copy of the birth certificate.

**HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF A MICHIGAN BIRTH RECORD:**

[www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch)

Select: Order Record Online or Order Record by Mail

Reliable Proof Examples:

**Hospital Record of the Birth**

Request a certified statement from the person who has charge of the official hospital records.

**Physician's Record of the Birth**

If the physician who delivered the baby has a record of the birth, obtain a statement certified by him.

**Baptismal or Other Church Record**

If the child has been baptized or has undergone some other church rite, request an official statement from the custodian of the church records.

**School Record**

It may be possible to obtain of official statement from the person in charge of the school records, especially early-age records giving age (or birth date) and parents' names.

**Insurance Records**

If application has ever been made for insurance, request an official statement from the insurance company of the birth facts as given on the insurance records.

**Census Records**

The Personal Census Service Branch, Administrative Service Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Pittsburgh, Kansas, will search decennial population census records for information about age and place of birth. Request Form BC-600, Application for Search of Census Records.

**Other Personal Records**

Records such as applications for motor vehicle operator permits, marriage records, employment records, and records of fraternal organizations usually include one or more facts of birth.