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## **Certified Birth Certificates Needed for Back-to-School, Driving Permits and Extracurricular Activities**

Back to school time means that many students need a certified birth certificate to enroll in various programs. Tri-County Health Department can provide the certified birth certificates needed to enroll children in school, sports and numerous after-school programs. A souvenir baby footprint birth certificate from a hospital is not acceptable as a legal document.

Certified birth certificates are also required when applying for a driver's license, social security card or passport. Certificates are available for a person born in any county in Colorado since 1908.

Certified birth certificates protect against identity theft and are forgery-resistant documents printed on safety paper with watermarks, raised engraving, and background security patterns. They cannot be accurately reproduced by photocopy or computer scanning.

People can get certificates from Tri-County Health Department in person, by mail and over the Internet. The cost is \$17 for the first certificate and \$10 for each additional copy of the same name. Cash, checks and major credit cards are accepted.

Tri-County's administrative office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and located at 7000 East Belleview Avenue, three blocks west of I-25 on Belleview. Call (303) 220-9200 for more information.

Individuals can also order birth certificates online 24 hours a day through the Tri-County Health Department website at [www.tchd.org](http://www.tchd.org).

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