

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · ATLANTA

School Enrollment in Atlanta: 2026 Guide (Atlanta Public Schools)

The online application, the document list, the objection form in place of an SSN, Forms 3231 and 3300, and the electric-bill trap on proof of address.

SHORT ANSWER

An SSN is not mandatory for enrollment in Atlanta Public Schools (APS): a parent who prefers not to give the number signs an objection form. The harder part is proof of address, because APS wants the lease **plus a Georgia Power bill from the last 30 days in the parent's name**, and a family that has just arrived may have neither yet. The health forms are the statewide ones, Form 3231 (immunization) and Form 3300 (screening).

Step by step

- 1 Find your zone.** Put your address into the APS School Zone Locator. Most of Atlanta is in APS, but small parts of the city fall inside Fulton County Schools or the DeKalb County School District, so do not skip the lookup.
- 2 Gather the documents.** The parent's photo ID, proof of the child's age, the SSN card or the objection form, proof of address, Form 3231, Form 3300 and an official transcript or report card from the previous school.
- 3 Complete the online application.** Enrollment starts with the APS New Student Enrollment Application. An application number appears in the top right corner of the form; write it down.
- 4 Call the school.** With that number you call the school for the next steps. For help there is the APS Student and Family Support HUB, 601 Dr. Thomas W. Cole Jr. Way SW, Atlanta GA 30314 (formerly 601 Beckwith St.). Student Assignment is **404-802-2233** and Student Records **404-802-2150**. The APS main office is at 130 Trinity Ave. SW.

The APS document list

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Parent photo ID	Valid government-issued ID: a state or federal ID, a Georgia license even if expired, a valid U.S. passport, a military ID. A foreign passport is not on the list ; we could not confirm whether a Turkish passport is accepted, so call 404-802-2233 and ask
☐ Proof of the child's age	A birth certificate or certified copy, a certified hospital birth record, the child's passport and other documents, in that order of preference. So a Turkish birth certificate or the child's passport is on the list. The list says nothing about translation, but have an English one ready

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☐ Social Security	A copy of the child's SSN card or the Objection to Provide the Social Security Number form. The number is not mandatory. APS prints one caveat: a student with no SSN on file by 10th grade is not eligible for the HOPE Scholarship
☐ Proof of address	Dated within the last 30 days, showing the parent's name and street address; no P.O. box. Details below
☐ Health	DPH Form 3231 for immunization and DPH Form 3300 for vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screening
☐ Previous school	An official transcript or report card

Proof of address: the real trap for newcomers

YOUR SITUATION	WHAT IS REQUIRED
If you own	Photo ID plus the deed or a mortgage statement plus a Georgia Power bill from the last 30 days in your name
If you rent	Photo ID plus the lease (or a HUD certificate) plus a Georgia Power bill from the last 30 days in your name
If you live with someone else	Photo ID, the owner's or primary renter's deed or lease, a Georgia Power bill, a signed and notarized Affidavit of Residency and three supporting documents in your own name

THE BILL HAS TO BE IN THE PARENT'S NAME

A newly arrived family may have signed the lease but not yet received a Georgia Power bill, or the account may be in the landlord's name because electricity comes with the rent. Do three things: open the electric account in your own name the day you move in (without an SSN, the PrePay plan works with a photo ID plus proof of address), start enrollment early so the first bill has time to arrive, and if electricity is included in the rent, call 404-802-2233 beforehand and ask which alternative document they accept.

Immunization and screening forms

- **Form 3231 (immunization):** required for every student, pre-K included, and it must be on file within 30 days of the start of the program. A medical exemption goes on the form itself and lasts one year. A religious exemption uses the notarized **Form 2208**.
- **Form 3300 (screening):** required the first time a child enrolls at any grade level, pre-K included. A physician, a qualified provider or the county health department completes it.
- **Statewide rule:** the same two forms apply in every Georgia district, and schools may allow **up to 90 days** to submit them. Tdap and a meningococcal dose are needed at 7th grade entry, and an MCV4 booster at 11th grade for students 16 or older.
- **Where to get the shots:** county health departments and clinics give childhood vaccinations. If you have no insurance, see the free and low-cost clinics section on our Atlanta page.

English support

If a language other than English is spoken at home, the child is referred to the APS ESOL program and its Title III support. The Multilingual Programs and Services office provides interpretation and translation, and board policy requires all school-to-home communication to be in a language parents understand (APSESol@atlanta.k12.ga.us). Adult ESL and GED classes sit under APS Adult Education. APS also runs an Open Enrollment lottery for schools outside your zone; we could not verify the details, so ask the school or the HUB.

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- Under Plyler v. Doe (1982), every child living in the United States may attend public school regardless of their own or their family's immigration status.
- Georgia has no separate written guidance of its own on its education pages, so if an official insists you may have no state document to point to. If enrollment is refused, write to the district office and keep the reply.
- Have the Turkish birth certificate, report cards and immunization card translated into English in advance. If an SSN is requested, ask for the objection form.
- Because the parent ID list does not name a foreign passport, plan to get your Georgia license or ID before enrollment day if you can.



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