

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · BOCA RATON

# Boca Raton School Enrollment Guide 2026 (School District of Palm Beach County)

Enrollment steps from Pre-K to high school, documents, free VPK, and what newcomer families should know.

## SHORT ANSWER

In Palm Beach County, new families find the school zoned for their address with the district's "Find My School" tool and register either at that school or online. You need two proofs of Palm Beach County residence, an immunization record (DH 680 or DH 681), a physical exam (DH 3040), proof of birth (a birth certificate or passport works) and the district's six required forms. An SSN is not on the district's list, and under Florida law it is not a condition of enrollment. For registration help, call Admissions & Family Experience at (561) 434-8197. VPK is free for children who turn 4 by September 1 through the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County.

## Step by step

- 1 Enter your home address in the district's "Find My School" tool to find the elementary, middle or high school your child is zoned for, and its phone number.
- 2 Either complete the online registration at [palmbeachschools.org](https://palmbeachschools.org) by uploading the required forms and documents, or call the school to set a time to bring them.
- 3 Students who already have a district student ID or are in district programs (charter and pre-k, Childfind, Migrant Education, Teen Parent, School Choice Lottery) register in person at their zoned school.
- 4 If you need help, contact Admissions & Family Experience: 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., Bldg E-50-116, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, (561) 434-8197, [admissions@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:admissions@palmbeachschools.org). The office says it offers multilingual support services.

## Document checklist

| DOCUMENT                                                                     | NOTES                                                                                                                                               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Two proofs of residence in Palm Beach County</b> | The list of accepted documents is in a separate district registration checklist; confirm with the school or district which ones count before you go |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of birth</b>                               | A birth certificate, passport and similar documents are accepted; your child's Turkish passport shows the date of birth                             |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Immunization record (DH 680 or DH 681)</b> | Available from the Florida health department or your doctor          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Physical exam (DH 3040, pages 1 and 2)</b> | Take the form to your doctor                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Previous school records</b>                | Not required, but helpful for placement: a report card or transcript |

The six required forms: Student Registration (PBSD 2688), Student Contact and Pickup Information (PBSD 2687), Student Health Information and Parent/Guardian Consent for School Health Services (PBSD 2667), Informed Notifications, Consents and Releases (PBSD 2690), Parent Release/Transfer of Student Information (PBSD 2689) and Student Housing Questionnaire (PBSD 2479). The forms are offered in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, French and Russian; we did not see a Turkish version in the district's list. Depending on your situation, an Affidavit of Person Acting as Parent (PBSD 1543) or an Affidavit of Residence (PBSD 1866) may also be requested.

Under Fla. Stat. 1008.386, school districts request a Social Security number at enrollment, but a student is not required to provide one as a condition of enrollment or graduation. The school cannot refuse enrollment because you do not give an SSN; the district uses a state-assigned Florida student identification number, not the SSN, as the student ID.

## Kindergarten age

For the 2026-27 school year, kindergarten entry required the child to turn 5 by September 1, 2026. Check the district's page for the cutoff of the school year you are enrolling for.

## English learners

The district has an ESOL and Title III program, with English learner materials published in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese. Turkish is not in the district's language list; if you want Turkish interpreting help at registration, ask the school or call (561) 434-8197 before you go.

## Free preschool: VPK

You apply for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) through the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, not the school district. VPK is free for children who live in Florida and turn 4 on or before September 1. You register through the state's Family Portal ([familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com](https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com)) and then choose a provider. Families hotline: 561-514-3300. Details at [elcpalmbeach.org](https://elcpalmbeach.org).

#### YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- An SSN is not a condition of enrollment or graduation (Fla. Stat. 1008.386). The U.S. Constitution, under the Supreme Court's Plyler v. Doe decision, also requires public schools to admit children regardless of immigration status.
- If you are missing proof of address or another document, call the school or Admissions & Family Experience before you enroll: (561) 434-8197.
- District office: 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., Bldg E-50-116, West Palm Beach, FL 33406.



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##### Have a question about your immigration status?

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