

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · DALLAS

Dallas School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Dallas ISD)

Enrollment steps from Pre-K to high school, documents, age rules, vaccines and rights for immigrant families.

SHORT ANSWER

Dallas ISD enrollment is done online through the Choose Dallas ISD portal or in person at a ONE Center. A birth certificate or passport, proof of address, immunization records and a parent ID are enough; an SSN is optional. Schools may not ask about the student's or parent's immigration status. For kindergarten, the child must be 5 on or before September 1.

Step by step

- 1 Find your district.** Your address decides it, not the city name. Plano, Frisco, McKinney and Richardson have their own districts. Check by address: [TEA district locator](#).
- 2 Register online** at choosedallasisd.schoolmint.com. Help line: 972-925-5560.
- 3 Upload documents or bring them to a ONE Center.**
- 4 New to U.S. schools?** The International Welcome Center assesses English level.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Child's birth certificate or passport	For a child born outside the U.S., you have 90 days to provide a certified birth certificate.
☐ Proof of address	Lease, utility bill or an affidavit.
☐ Immunization record	With month, day and year, validated by a physician or clinic.
☐ Parent ID	Driver's license, Texas ID or passport.
☐ Previous school records	Report cards or transcripts if available (with English translation).
☐ Social Security card	Optional. Without it, the state assigns an alternative student ID.

Age rules

LEVEL	RULE
Pre-K (free universal Pre-K in Dallas ISD, 2026-27)	Age 3 or 4 on September 1. Register year-round: dallasisd.org/prek
Kindergarten	Age 5 on or before September 1
Compulsory attendance	Starts at 6. A child enrolled in Pre-K or kindergarten must attend while enrolled

Not speaking English at home is one of the statewide eligibility grounds for free Pre-K.

Required vaccines (K-12)

- DTaP / DT / Td / Tdap: 5 doses (4 if the 4th was on or after age 4)
- Polio: 4 doses (3 if the 3rd was on or after age 4)
- MMR: 2 · Hepatitis B: 3 · Varicella: 2 · Hepatitis A: 2
- 7th grade: Tdap booster and 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine (on or after age 11)
- Provisional enrollment is possible if at least one dose of each vaccine has been given; reviewed every 30 days

Where to get help

CENTER	ADDRESS AND PHONE
International Welcome Center (new to U.S. schools)	9400 N. Central Expy, Suite 200, Dallas 75231 · (972) 749-5760 · weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., no appointment
ONE Center Northeast	9400 N Central Expy, 1st floor, Dallas 75231
ONE Center Southeast	Frazier House, 4600 Spring Ave., Dallas 75210
ONE Center Southwest	1700 E. Camp Wisdom Rd, Room 201, Dallas 75241

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- Under Plyler v. Doe (1982), every child living in the district may attend public school regardless of immigration status.
- Schools may not ask about your or your child's immigration status and cannot require an SSN.
- Missing documents do not block enrollment; you are given time to provide them.
- Have foreign vaccine records translated and reviewed by a U.S. doctor to avoid delays.



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