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Enrolling a Child in School in Des Plaines: Which District Are You In? 2026 Guide

Four elementary districts, two separate high school districts, the District 62 document list, the three proofs of residence, the October 15 deadline and the rights of immigrant families.

SHORT ANSWER

No SSN is required. But in Des Plaines the hard part is not the paperwork, it is working out which school district you are in: the city is not one district, and your address decides. Most of the city is Des Plaines District 62 for PreK through 8 and Maine Township District 207 for high school. But part of the city sits in CCSD 59, and those students go on to District 214, not District 207. District 62 asks for three proofs of residence, and there is no SSN on its list.

1. Find the district first, then the school

The practical tip on District 207's own page is the easiest method: look at the property tax bill; if the district is listed on the bill, you are inside its boundaries. The same trick works for the elementary district. If you rent, ask your landlord for the bill or use the districts' [boundary maps](#).

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE DISTRICT (PREK-8)	WHICH HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	WHO IT COVERS
Des Plaines District 62	Maine Township District 207	Most of the city. The district describes itself as serving Des Plaines and Rosemont: about 5,000 students in 12 schools.
East Maine District 63	Maine Township District 207	Parts of the Des Plaines, Niles, Glenview and Park Ridge communities.
River Trails District 26	Maine Township District 207	Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and part of Des Plaines. Office (847) 259-3303.
CCSD 59	District 214	Mostly Elk Grove Village, plus parts of Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and Des Plaines. High schools are Elk Grove, Prospect or Rolling Meadows.

SETTLE THIS BEFORE YOU SIGN A LEASE

"I live in Des Plaines, so my high school is Maine Township" is not true for everyone. District 207 lists its feeder districts as River Trails 26, Des Plaines 62, East Maine 63, Park Ridge-Niles 64, Rosemont 78 and Pennoyer 79; **CCSD 59 is not on that list**. A child at an address inside CCSD 59 goes to a District 214 high school. Before you sign a lease or buy a house, ask which pair the address falls into, because it decides which high school your child attends.

2. District 62: how enrollment works

- 1 Start online.** Enrollment runs through the district's Campus Parent portal, which has a language selector: d62.org/enrollment.
- 2 Find your neighborhood school.** The district site has a "Find Your School" boundary map.
- 3 Gather three proofs of residence.** One from Category A and two from Category B (list below). For a family that has just moved, this is the hardest requirement.
- 4 Bring proof of the child's age and identity.** A certified birth certificate, and in the district's own words a foreign birth certificate is acceptable; a passport, visa or other official document also counts as reliable proof of age.
- 5 Line up the health records.** An immunization record and a physical exam are required, and the deadline is October 15.
- 6 Talk to the district office.** 777 E. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016, (847) 824-1136, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online enrollment for 2026-27 opened on March 10, 2026; the 2027-28 dates have not been published yet, so watch the enrollment page.

Three proofs of residence: Categories A and B

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Category A (one item)	Property tax bill, signed lease, mortgage document, residency affidavit, military housing letter or Section 8 letter.
☐ Category B (two items)	Gas, electric, water and sewer, landline or cable bill, vehicle registration, bank statement, public aid, Medicaid or food assistance card, credit card statement, pay stub, driver's license or state ID.
☐ Proof of the child's age and identity	Certified birth certificate (a foreign birth certificate is acceptable), passport, visa or other official document.
☐ Immunizations and physical exam	Deadline October 15 . Have your Turkish immunization record (the e-Nabiz printout) translated into English early.
☐ SSN card	Not requested. A Social Security number does not appear anywhere on the district's enrollment document list.

3. Does District 62 ask about immigration status?

No, and it says so on its own page: the district does not ask about a student's citizenship or immigration status, and states that every child has the right to attend public school whatever that status is. The district's [immigration and safety page](#) explains the procedure it follows if there is law enforcement activity near a school, and advises families to keep their emergency contact details in Infinite Campus current and to consider the short-term guardianship form if needed.

4. The high school side: District 207

- **The schools:** Maine West, 1755 S. Wolf Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60018 (the high school inside the city limits); Maine East, 2601 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge 60068; Maine South, 1111 S. Dee Rd., Park Ridge 60068. District office: 1177 S. Dee Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068, 847-696-3600.
 - **Enrolling for the first time:** you call the high school that serves your address. Enrollment and residency numbers: Maine East 847-692-8520, Maine South 847-692-8214, Maine West 847-803-5768. No account or email address is needed.
 - **Incoming 9th graders:** enrollment is done online in late fall (parents are sent a link) and course selection follows in the spring. Students arriving mid-year call the school directly.
 - **There are two optional attendance areas** (between Maine West and Maine East, and between Maine East and Maine South): families there choose a home school once, and the choice cannot be changed later. For incoming 9th graders the deadline is December 19.
 - **Residency verification:** the district verifies residency every year through an outside firm. Families who cannot be verified complete the General Residency Form (Form 1) with documents; the form is in English, Spanish and Polish. Neither an SSN nor an immigration status question appears on the pages we read. We could not read the full document list inside the form, so call the school.
 - **If you are in CCSD 59:** we could not verify District 214's enrollment contacts, so call the district directly.
 - **Families without a fixed address:** McKinney-Vento support is available, and enrollment can happen without waiting for documents.
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5. Is there Turkish-language support?

No, and it is worth saying plainly. District 62 gives every new student a home language survey, and if a language other than English is marked the child takes a screening test. The district's bilingual instruction is in Spanish (separate classrooms at Orchard Place, North and Plainfield), and bilingual resource support is in Spanish and Polish across all schools. No Turkish program is named, so a Turkish-speaking child normally receives English language development (ELD) support. This comes from a summary of the district's multilingual education page; ask the school for detail.

Phone numbers

SUBJECT	OFFICE AND PHONE
District 62 enrollment	777 E. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines · (847) 824-1136 · weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
District 207 district office	1177 S. Dee Rd., Park Ridge · 847-696-3600
High school enrollment and residency	Maine East 847-692-8520 · Maine South 847-692-8214 · Maine West 847-803-5768
River Trails District 26	(847) 259-3303
The city's referral desk	Des Plaines Police Human Services, 1420 Miner St. · 847-391-5480 · English, Polish, Russian

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. Illinois wrote that into its own law through Public Act 104-0288, effective January 1, 2026.
- The Illinois State Board of Education guidance of August 2026 says districts may not ask about immigration status. If an official insists on an SSN or an immigration document, show them [that guidance](#).
- Three proofs of residence is a real burden on a family that has just arrived: keep your lease and your first ComEd, Nicor or city water bill. The water bill arrives only every two months, so it may not exist yet in your first weeks; have the lease and a bank statement ready instead.
- Have the Turkish birth certificate and school reports translated into English from the start; the district accepts a foreign birth certificate.



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