

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · FEDERAL WAY

# Federal Way School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Federal Way Public Schools)

This is not the Seattle, Kent or Auburn district. Online enrollment through ParentVUE, documents, the immunization rule and language support.

## SHORT ANSWER

No, an SSN is not needed: it is not on the Federal Way Public Schools document list, and state rules bar districts from requiring one or asking about immigration status. **This is not the Seattle, Kent or Auburn district but district 210, its own.** Enrollment runs online through ParentVUE and children are assigned to a neighborhood school by address. What you bring: proof of address, an immunization record, proof of age (a birth certificate or passport) and a previous report card if you have one.

## Know the right district first

Federal Way Public Schools serves more than Federal Way: parts of Des Moines, Auburn and Kent, plus rural parts of King County, about 35 square miles and 120,000 people. It has 22,264 students and 37 schools (20 elementary schools, 3 K-8 schools, 6 middle schools, 4 high schools and 4 special-program schools). Multilingual learners make up 32.8% of students and more than 100 languages are spoken across the district. 73.7% of students qualify for free or reduced-price meals. A Turkish-speaking child will not be the only multilingual student in these schools.

## Enrollment steps

- 1 Open a ParentVUE account.** New students enroll through the [district website](#) in the ParentVUE system, and you can change the language inside the system.
- 2 Watch the calendar.** Online enrollment is open from August through June; **the system closes in July**, when school offices are closed too. Enrollment for the next school year opens on the Monday of the first full week of May, and annual verification for current students starts August 1.
- 3 Find your school.** Students are assigned to a neighborhood school by address. The district's School Lookup tool and its Apartment to School Matches page show which complex feeds which school, which is worth checking before you sign a lease in an apartment building.
- 4 Ask for help.** The enrollment team is at [grades@fwps.org](mailto:grades@fwps.org) and 253-945-2100. For in-person help you book a 50-minute appointment at the Educational Service Center: 33330 8th Avenue S, Federal Way WA 98003, district switchboard 253-945-2000. In-person appointments run August 3 to September 1, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The district asks you to say in advance if you need an interpreter.

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## Document checklist

| DOCUMENT                                                        | NOTE                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of address                       |                                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization record                    | <b>An immigration immunization record is accepted</b> (see below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of age                           | A birth certificate or passport                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Previous report card                   | If you have one                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSN, citizenship or immigration papers | <b>Not asked.</b> They are not on the list                        |

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## How the immunization rule works

This is the most useful sentence for a family arriving from Türkiye: among the medically verified record types the district accepts is the **official immigration immunization record**. The immunization form the panel physician prepared for your visa or green card application counts at school too. The other accepted types are an official lifetime record with a physician stamp or signature, a printout from a doctor, clinic or hospital, and a record from the Washington immunization information system. You can reach your own record through MyIR (you have to create an account), or at [WALLSRecords@doh.wa.gov](mailto:WALLSRecords@doh.wa.gov), 1-866-397-0337.

- **The main doses:** DTaP, polio (IPV), MMR and varicella for preschool and kindergarten; PCV and Hib as well at ages 4 and 5; Tdap in grade 7.
- The district runs a Vax 2 School page for families with missing doses.
- The immunization requirement table is published in 18 languages (English, Spanish, Arabic, Amharic, Chinese, Chuukese, Dari, Hindi, Korean, Marshallese, Pashto, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Vietnamese); Turkish is not among them, so you may need to read the table with an interpreter.

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## What happens for a child who is still learning English?

Translation is free on request by phone or email. The voicemail line is 253-945-2198, Multilingual Services 253-945-2094, equity complaints [compliance@fwps.org](mailto:compliance@fwps.org). **Note:** the district's Language Access Plan is published in English, Dari, Arabic, Pashto, Ukrainian, Korean, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian and Punjabi, and the Family Handbook in English, Spanish and Dari. Turkish is on neither list. Ask the district directly whether its phone interpretation provider covers Turkish.

#### IF A SCHOOL ASKS FOR IMMIGRATION PAPERS

- The guidance from [OSPI](#), the state education agency, is clear: public schools may not deny admission because a child is undocumented, may not require a parent or student to disclose or document immigration status, and may not require Social Security numbers from all students.
- If a district does ask for an SSN, it must state that giving it is voluntary, which law it relies on, and what it will be used for. OSPI recommends districts not ask at all.
- Under Attorney General guidance, schools may not contact immigration authorities on their own initiative to share student information, and must have a policy setting out what happens if an enforcement team comes to campus.

Confirm district details before you go at [fwps.org](https://fwps.org). Information as of October 1, 2026.



#### TURKISH-SPEAKING IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY IN FEDERAL WAY

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

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