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School Enrollment in Georgia: 2026 Guide

District enrollment, the DPH health forms 3231 and 3300, the objection form that replaces an SSN, and the proof-of-address trap.

SHORT ANSWER

Enrollment is handled by your local school district, not the state, and there is no single statewide portal. The health forms are statewide: Form 3231 for immunization and Form 3300 for vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screening. Schools may allow up to 90 days to submit them. An SSN is not required to enroll: Atlanta Public Schools takes a signed objection form from a parent who prefers not to give the number. The real trap is proof of address, which needs a utility bill in the parent's own name.

Step by step

- 1 Find your district.** Each district runs its own online registration and sets its own document list. Most of Atlanta is served by Atlanta Public Schools (APS), with small parts in Fulton County Schools or DeKalb County School District. Alpharetta, Johns Creek and Roswell are Fulton County Schools, and Athens has Clarke County School District.
- 2 Get the health forms ready.** The Department of Public Health (DPH) requires two forms for pre-K, K-12, childcare and Head Start: **Form 3231**, the certificate of immunization, and **Form 3300**, the vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screening. Form 3300 is required the first time a child enrolls at any grade and is completed by a physician, a qualified provider or the county health department. Schools may allow **up to 90 days** to submit them.
- 3 Check the immunization schedule.** Tdap and a meningococcal dose are needed at 7th grade entry; an MCV4 booster at 11th grade for students 16 or older, unless the first dose came at 16 or later. A medical exemption goes on Form 3231; a religious exemption needs the notarized Form 2208.
- 4 Apply online, then call the school.** At APS: find your zone with the School Zone Locator, gather documents, complete the online New Student Enrollment Application, then call the school with your application number. Help: APS Student and Family Support HUB, 601 Dr. Thomas W. Cole Jr. Way SW, Atlanta GA 30314; Student Assignment 404-802-2233, Student Records 404-802-2150.

The APS document list

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Parent photo ID	Any valid government-issued photo ID: a state or federal ID, a Georgia driver's license even if expired, a valid U.S. passport, a military ID. A foreign passport is not on the list and we could not confirm whether APS accepts a Turkish one. Call 404-802-2233 and ask
☐ Proof of the child's age	A birth certificate or certified copy, the child's passport, a certified hospital birth record and similar documents are listed in order, so a Turkish birth certificate or the child's passport is on the list
☐ Social Security	A copy of the student's SSN card or the Objection to Provide the Social Security Number form. An SSN is not mandatory
☐ Proof of residency	Dated within the last 30 days, showing the parent's name and street address, no P.O. box. Renters: photo ID plus the lease plus a Georgia Power bill from the last 30 days. Owners: photo ID plus the deed or mortgage statement plus the same bill
☐ If you live with someone else	Photo ID, the owner's deed or lease, a Georgia Power bill, a notarized Affidavit of Residency and three supporting documents in your name
☐ Previous school	An official transcript or report card
☐ Health forms	Form 3231 and Form 3300 (up to 90 days may be allowed)

THE PROOF-OF-ADDRESS TRAP

The bill must be in the **parent's name** and it is asked for alongside the lease. If electricity comes with the rent, or the account is in the landlord's name, call the school before you go and ask what they will take instead. The moving checklist's provider table shows how to put an account in your own name.

About the SSN

- An SSN is not required: the enrolling person gives either a copy of the SSN card or the objection form.
- The one caveat APS prints: a student with no SSN on file by 10th grade is not eligible for the **HOPE Scholarship**.
- If you are asked for an SSN, ask for the objection form.

English language support

If a language other than English is spoken at home, the child is referred to English language support (ESOL). The APS Multilingual Programs and Services unit provides interpretation and translation and states that all school-to-home communication must be in a language parents understand (APSESol@atlanta.k12.ga.us). Other districts have comparable units, so ask at enrollment.

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.
- We could not find a separate written guidance page from Georgia's own education agency, so if an official pushes back you may not have a state document to point to. If enrollment is blocked, put your request to the district office in writing and keep the reply.
- Bring English translations of the Turkish immunization record and school papers.



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