

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · IRVINE

Irvine School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Irvine Unified)

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

SHORT ANSWER

New students enroll in Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) online (registration.iusd.org). First check which school district your address belongs to: the City of Irvine says four school districts serve Irvine, and IUSD's boundary page asks residents of a few developments (Irvine Business Complex, Luna Park, Orchard Hills, Rise) to confirm the district at 949-936-5306. IUSD's document list asks for two proofs of residency, proof of age and identity (a birth record, passport and similar) and immunization records; no Social Security number or immigration-status document appears on the list. For 2026-27, Transitional Kindergarten (TK) covers children born September 2, 2021 through September 1, 2022. California accepts only a doctor's medical exemption for school vaccines.

Check your school district first

Irvine is not one school district. The City of Irvine's "New to Irvine" page says four school districts serve the city. Use the address-based school locator on IUSD's enrollment pages; for the Irvine Business Complex, Luna Park, Orchard Hills and Rise developments, IUSD asks you to confirm the district at 949-936-5306. If your address belongs to a different district, that district's enrollment rules apply; this guide covers IUSD.

Step by step (IUSD)

- 1 Gather your documents.** A PDF, scan or photo works. The list is below.
- 2 Register online.** New students use Aeries Internet Registration: registration.iusd.org. IUSD's enrollment hub: iusd.org/about/iusd-enrollment.
- 3 Wait for the school to contact you.** The assigned school reaches out by phone or email to verify; IUSD lists 24 to 48 hours for the current school year and 2 to 3 weeks for a future year.
- 4 Call if you have questions.** IUSD district office: 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604 · (949) 936-5000.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Proof of residency (two documents)	One of a mortgage, lease or rent payment receipts; plus one of a property tax receipt, a utility statement dated within 45 days, a pay stub, voter registration, government correspondence, a state ID with your address, a credit card bill, or a Declaration of Residency Affidavit. The page does not say whether the affidavit can serve as the first proof; if you live with family, ask the school ahead of time.
☐ Proof of age and identity	A certified birth record, a statement from the local registrar, a baptismal certificate, a passport, or a parental affidavit.
☐ Immunization record	Current immunization records. California accepts only a doctor's medical exemption.
☐ Special education papers, if any	IEP/504 documents, a medication authorization form and previous school records.
☐ Social Security card	Not on IUSD's document list. If you do not have an SSN or choose not to give it, enrollment should not be affected.

Age rules

LEVEL	RULE
Transitional Kindergarten (TK), 2026-27	Per IUSD, children born September 2, 2021 through September 1, 2022, in other words turning 4 on or before September 1, 2026. TK is optional and families provide transportation. If the neighborhood school has no space, the child is placed at the nearest site with space.
Kindergarten	Turn 5 on or before September 1, 2026. For 2027-28 dates, check IUSD's page; the new calendar has not been posted yet.

Vaccines

California ended the personal-belief exemption for school vaccines in 2016 (SB 277); only a licensed physician's medical exemption is accepted now. Have your child's Turkish vaccine record translated into English and reviewed by a U.S. doctor to avoid delays at enrollment.

Your rights as an immigrant family

PROTECTED BY LAW

- Every child living in the U.S. may attend public school regardless of immigration status (*Plyler v. Doe*, 1982).
- Schools may not ask about your or your child's immigration status; a Social Security number is not required to enroll.
- A school may not effectively block an undocumented parent from enrolling a child by demanding documents like a driver's license or voter registration as proof of residency (California Education Code section 48204.1).

Where to get help

OFFICE	CONTACT
IUSD enrollment information	iusd.org/about/iusd-enrollment · (949) 936-5000
IUSD boundary check (IBC, Luna Park, Orchard Hills, Rise)	949-936-5306
California Attorney General, educational rights guidance	"Know Your Educational Rights" at oag.ca.gov



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