

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · KENT

# Kent School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Kent School District)

Kent is not served by Seattle Public Schools. Online enrollment, documents, the language screener and the rights of immigrant families.

## SHORT ANSWER

No, an SSN is not needed. Kent is not served by Seattle Public Schools but by **Kent School District**: 44 schools and about 25,000 students. Enrollment runs online through Skyward Qmlativ Family Access, and the district says a lack of documents should not be a barrier to school enrollment. No SSN is asked and no citizenship information is collected. District office: 12033 SE 256th St, 253-373-7000.

## Step by step

- 1 Open an account.** Families enrolling for the first time complete the New Guardian Login Request form and receive login details by email. If you had a child in the district last school year, use your existing account. After a break of more than a year, call 253-373-7030 to have the account reopened.
- 2 Fill in the form.** Online enrollment takes about 30 minutes and you can save and come back. Questions go to [enrollment@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:enrollment@kent.k12.wa.us), your assigned school, or 253-373-7000 over the summer.
- 3 Watch the timing.** Online enrollment stays open all summer, but the district asks you to submit at least a week before the first day of school. Review takes up to a week for the current year and 2 to 3 weeks between September and May for the following year; over the summer, reviews can slip into the last two weeks of August.
- 4 Find your school.** Children are assigned to a district school by address; type yours into the district's [school boundary map](#). Bus questions go to Transportation at 253-373-7442.
- 5 No fixed address?** Families without a verifiable address are handled under McKinney-Vento. If you are staying in someone else's home, you can upload that household's proof of address.

**There is no enrollment center in Kent.** Do not look for a single welcome center the way you would in Seattle: the process is online and the rest runs through your assigned school's office.

## Document checklist

| DOCUMENT                                                 | NOTE                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of age or identity</b> | A birth certificate, passport or a state ID. If you have none of those, a doctor's note, hospital records, prior school records or a family record are accepted |

| DOCUMENT                                             | NOTE                                                                                                                                         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of address</b>     | A lease or purchase agreement, or a utility bill no more than a month old (cable, electricity, water, landline)                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Immunization records</b> | A record in another language is accepted if a health official has verified it; a child with missing doses can start under conditional status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SSN</b>                  | <b>Not asked.</b> It is not on the list                                                                                                      |

## Is immigration status asked?

The district says so plainly on its own page: Kent School District does not request or collect citizenship information at enrollment, staff may not ask about immigration status, and the district says it will continue enrolling students regardless of immigration status. The state education agency, [OSPI](#), says the same: districts may not require Social Security numbers from all students, may not ask you to disclose or document immigration status, and may not deny admission because a child is undocumented.

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

- **Language survey:** enrollment asks which language is spoken at home (the Home Language Survey). If question two or three names a language other than English, the school must give the WIDA English proficiency screener within 10 school days.
- **Thresholds:** in kindergarten through December 31, below 5 in listening or speaking; from January 1, in kindergarten and grade 1, below 4 in any domain and below 4.5 overall; in grades 2 to 12, below 4 in any domain and below 5 overall.
- **What follows:** eligible families get a letter with the scores. The program is called Multilingual Education (MLE) and comes in two forms: separate English language development classes and integrated support inside the classroom. The district also runs a Dual Language page.

### IS THERE TURKISH-LANGUAGE SERVICE?

The honest answer is no. The district site has a translation menu that lists Turkish, but that is machine translation, not a document prepared in Turkish or a promise of a Turkish interpreter. The district says it arranges interpretation and translation for district-wide events with 3 business days of notice; requests go to [translations@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:translations@kent.k12.wa.us), and for school events you ask the school directly. Before an important meeting, put the interpreter request in writing and get it confirmed.

### NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Bring an English translation of the immunization record and school records from Türkiye. Enrollment does not require a translation, but it speeds things up. Watch the proof-of-address rule: the bill must be no more than a month old, so keep the bill from the month you moved in. Because which utility bills your water in Kent depends on the address, the electricity bill from PSE is the safest proof of address.

Confirm district details before you go at [kent.k12.wa.us](http://kent.k12.wa.us). Information as of October 1, 2026.



## TURKISH-SPEAKING IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY IN KENT

### Have a question about your immigration status?

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