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School Enrollment in Minnetonka: Three Districts, One Address, 2026

The first school question in this city is not "which school" but "which district." Three separate public school districts share the city and your street address gives the answer, which makes this a leasing decision.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no single answer, because the city is served by **three separate public school districts** and your child's school is set by **your street address**. The City names the three on its own page, publishes their phone numbers and puts a **lookup that tells you which district serves your neighborhood** alongside them; it also notes that charter and private schools operate in the city. The practical consequence: **verify which district the address falls in before you sign a lease or make an offer**. Two streets over can be a different district. On admission the statute is clear: admission turns on **residence in the district and the child's age**, and the admission section **does not mention immigration at all**.

Three districts, three phone numbers

DISTRICT	NUMBER	PHONE
Hopkins School District	270	952-988-4000
Minnetonka School District	276	952-401-5000
Wayzata School District	284	763-745-5000

Once the lookup tells you which district you fall in, **call that number directly** and ask it for the enrollment document list; going through the City switchboard is an unnecessary step. One comparison is worth making, because the neighboring suburb gets confused with this one: in Plymouth the city is split among **four** districts and the city publishes what share of the city each district covers. **Here no percentages are published**, and you are pointed to an address lookup instead, so you have to get the answer from the lookup rather than guess it off a map.

Four things to do before you sign

TASK	WHERE	WHY
Find the district	The address lookup the City links	Which of the three you fall in is set by the address

TASK	WHERE	WHY
Confirm the school	The district's own lookup	Attendance boundaries inside a district are drawn separately
Get it in writing	Landlord or seller	A pre-contract item, not a courtesy question
Compare calendars	The calendar of the district you chose	The three districts do not have to share a calendar, school hours or busing

Do not skip the last line: if you are timing your move around the school calendar, you need to know which calendar you are using, and this city has **three**. The same logic applies when you move within the city: going from one street to another here can change your district.

Enrollment documents: what we can and cannot say

- **The statute ties admission to residence and age** and says nothing about immigration status.
 - **The homeless student clause:** a district **may not deny** free admission to a student solely because it cannot establish that the student resides in the district. If you have no lease, say so at the enrollment desk.
 - **But research could not read the three districts' own enrollment document lists**, so this guide does not say "no Social Security number appears on the list." We can write that sentence for another city in this series because the list itself was read there; **we are not carrying that over**.
 - **What to do:** call the district and ask what documents are required to enroll, and ask for the answer **in writing**. If a number is requested, you can point out that the statute ties admission to residence and age and does not mention immigration status.
- 1 Get your district from the lookup** and get written confirmation from the landlord or seller.
 - 2 Call the district directly** and ask for the document list; the three numbers are in the table above.
 - 3 Build the file:** the child's birth certificate and a certified translation, the immunization card you brought from Türkiye and its translation, a proof of address, and any prior school records and transcript.
 - 4 Request an interpreter at enrollment and in writing.** For Turkish the route is an interpreter for a less commonly used language, on request.
 - 5 Do not wait on a missing immunization record.** Statute allows a transferring student to attend for **up to 30 days** while records are coming; raise that section at the desk.
 - 6 Solve the proof-of-address problem in advance.** In this city no utility bill forms in a renter's name, so the classic proof will not be in your hands; have your lease ready and ask on the phone which document is accepted.

Immunizations and exemptions

- **Immunization is required**, but there are two exemption routes: a physician's signed statement that an immunization is **medically contraindicated**, or laboratory confirmation of immunity, **or** a parent's **notarized statement based on conscientiously held beliefs**. A copy of the second goes to the state health department.
- **The notarized route is not something we see often in this series**, so we write it out plainly.

- **The thirty-day transfer window** is in statute and is directly useful to a family arriving from Türkiye: a translation of the immunization card, or one missing record, does not have to delay your child's start by a month.
- Age thresholds, the immunization list and the full text of the exemptions are in [the school section of the state guide](#); this guide does not repeat them. Have your Turkish immunization record and the birth certificate **translated into English from the start**.

LANGUAGE: HERE WE HAVE TO BE HONEST

- **We could not verify which languages these three districts actually serve in.** We print no language list, because we did not read one.
- What we do know: in the school districts of this state's two large cities, **Turkish is not among the languages actually translated into.** So do not expect Turkish support to be standing ready in these districts either.
- **The route is to request an interpreter for a less commonly used language,** and to request it **at enrollment and in writing.** Repeat the request for the next parent conference.
- The City's own immigration resource page also provides its links in **English, Spanish, Somali, Oromo and Hmong,** and **Turkish is not on that list either.** We report that as it stands.

Adult English: a concrete advantage in this city

Adult and family programming, which is usually where English classes sit, lives in each district's **community education** unit: Hopkins Community Education, Minnetonka Community Education Services and Wayzata Community Ed. The City publishes all three phone numbers on its own page, and in Hopkins there is even a separate unit and a separate number for adult education, Hopkins Adult Options in Education. That is a concrete benefit of the City's page: **you can call the program directly rather than the district.** Two questions to ask: in which terms the adult English class opens, and what documents enrollment requires. Ask for the second answer **in writing**, because we could not verify the document list this round.

PUT THIS IN THE SAME WEEK: A LIBRARY CARD

- The city has **two branches** of Hennepin County Library: Minnetonka Library, 17524 Excelsior Blvd., **612-543-5725**, and Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., **612-543-8800**. The system has **41 locations** in all, so your card works outside the city too.
- **Cards are free** and give access to materials, library computers and online resources. **No Social Security number, citizenship or immigration status appears anywhere in the published terms**; the terms are county residence or property ownership, plus proof of address.
- Someone who applies online gets a **digital card immediately** and receives account details by email; **cards are not mailed. Borrowing physical material for the first time requires a visit to a service desk and proof of address.**
- **Proof of address has a wrinkle specific to this city:** because the water account is not opened in a renter's name, you will not have a classic utility bill. **Call the branch and ask which documents they accept before you go.**
- Most people living elsewhere in Minnesota can register their own local card with this system; for people living outside the state there is a paid card at **60 dollars a year**, and that card does not give remote access to downloadable content.



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