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Enrolling a Child in School in Nevada: Documents, Address Proof and 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

There is no single school answer in this state: **school districts are county-wide** and the two large districts do not ask for the same documents. The real difference is an asymmetry: **the southern district writes on its own enrollment page that it does not collect or verify immigration status** and cites a section of state law; **the northern district says nothing at all about immigration status. Silence is not an answer**, and we do not treat it as one: read it as neither a guarantee nor a threat, only a gap. **No Social Security number appears** on either district's enrollment page, but that does not mean it is not asked for, only that the pages do not say so. **The real obstacle is documents rather than a number**, and that is where the two districts part company.

The southern district: an express statement

ITEM	REQUIRED
Parent identification	A valid license or another photo identification bearing your name
The child's identification	The original of one of three: a birth certificate, a passport , or a certified birth card from a health district. The page states plainly: photocopies are not accepted
Immunization record	Required; an exemption route exists on religious belief or medical grounds
Proof of address	A current utility bill, rent receipt, or lease or purchase agreement. A driver license, a telephone bill and a cable bill are not accepted. If all you hold is a future-dated agreement you must produce a second proof within thirty days
Temporary housing	Families who cannot produce proof of address have a separate option and a separate line
Age and grade	Grade placement follows age as of 1 August ; for kindergarten the child must be five on or before that date
Social Security number	Does not appear on the page at all. That does not mean it is not asked for; it means the page does not say so

The passport detail matters for a Turkish reader: a passport is listed on the district's own main enrollment page as one of three options for the child's identification. So for a family that had no time to have a Turkish

birth certificate translated, the door can open with a passport. Confirm the list on [the district's own enrollment page](#).

The northern district: different answers to the same questions

ITEM	REQUIRED
Procedure	Online registration first, then a visit with documents to the school you are zoned to
The child's identification	A certified U.S. birth certificate or a certified state or county birth abstract; photocopies are not accepted . Some schools accept a passport as well
Foreign documents	The district accepts a foreign birth certificate and a consular report of birth
Immunization record	From a health care provider or the statewide immunization registry; additional vaccines are required for middle and high school
Proof of address	Which documents are accepted is at the principal's discretion . The examples include a utility bill, a lease or purchase agreement, a mortgage agreement, a pay stub, a rent receipt, vehicle insurance and vehicle registration . Documents must be dated within the last twelve months
Living in someone else's home	Some schools ask for a letter from the homeowner and proof of address in the homeowner's name
Living with someone other than a parent	The district's temporary guardianship form ; a court order where guardianship came from a court
Immigration status	The district says nothing at all . Read that not as absence but as no answer

THREE POINTS WHERE THE TWO DISTRICTS DIVERGE

- **Discretion over proof of address.** The southern district writes out one by one what it **does not accept** and **refuses a driver license**; the northern district leaves the decision to the **principal** and names **vehicle registration** among its examples. The same document passes in one city and fails in the other. For a newcomer this is a real difference and **should be asked before you move**.
- **The alternative to a birth certificate.** In the south a passport is listed on the main page; in the north the main list carries a U.S. birth certificate and a passport appears on **some schools' pages**. A family arriving with a passport may get **different answers from school to school** in the north.
- **The age cutoff.** **1 August** is written in the south; for the north no date could be **verified** this round.
- **Two things both districts share and neither should be skipped:** what actually decides enrollment is the **immunization record and the proof of address**, and in both **photocopies are refused**. Bring the **immunization record and the original birth certificate** with you from Türkiye.

Language: the accurate sentence is not that Turkish services exist

There are **three separate lists** here and **we do not average them**. The southern district's online registration system is in **English and Spanish only**; the list of languages the district translates documents into is separate and longer; and the languages its family support unit **actually retains interpreters for** is separate again and

shorter. The state's rights document for English learner students is published in **about nineteen languages**. **Turkish appears on none of these lists**.

But the right is not tied to a language, and that is the strongest line this section gives a reader: state law grants the parent of an English learner student the right to a **qualified interpreter in their own native language** for significant interactions with the district, and requires districts to provide information **in a language and form the parent can understand**. The southern district publishes its own page explaining this right and names the unit to ask; it sits on [the district's parent rights page](#). **So the sentence to write is not that Turkish services exist, but that there is a right to be requested and this is its door**. Make the request **in writing** and make it before enrollment day. **We cite the section number only as the agency itself cites it**; we could not read the statutory text this round.

A bag for enrollment day

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Bring the original of the child's identity document	A birth certificate or a passport. Photocopies are refused by both districts
☐ Bring the immunization record from Türkiye	With an English translation if possible. Having it reissued here takes time, and leaving it to enrollment day delays the child's start
☐ Prepare two separate proofs of address	Ask by telephone before you go ; the two lists differ and one district refuses a driver license
☐ If you have no proof of address, do not postpone enrollment	The southern district has a temporary housing option and a separate line; in the north ask about the homeowner letter and the guardianship form
☐ Make the interpreter request in writing	The right is granted by statute and is independent of language . Note who you gave it to
☐ Get leaving papers and a transcript for a high-school-age child	Obtain and translate them before you leave Türkiye
☐ Verify the district before you commit to an address	Districts are county-wide, but proof of address rules and accepted documents vary by district
☐ Put the child's health coverage in the same week as enrollment	The state took the option left open for lawfully residing children; the detail is in the moving checklist

- 1 Ask your district for its own document list**, but do not postpone enrollment over a missing item on it.
- 2 Ask the proof of address question before you move**. One district refuses a license, the other names vehicle registration as an example.
- 3 Ask about the passport route for the child's identity** and expect the two districts to answer differently.
- 4 Settle the immunization side before enrollment day**.
- 5 Use the interpreter right regardless of your language** and make the request in writing.
- 6 Do not treat the northern district's silence as a guarantee**, and do not treat it as a threat either; ask in writing and keep the answer.

- 7** If a problem with enrollment touches your status, speak to an attorney before arguing with the school.



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