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Enrolling a Child in School in Oregon: Documents and Vaccines 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

First a boundary: **research found no statewide school enrollment document list written for Oregon.** What it found is the **Portland school district's** own enrollment checklist, and read this guide that way. That list gives a Turkish family exactly the answer it is looking for: a **passport is expressly accepted** as proof of age, and the list **asks nowhere for a Social Security number.** Two proofs of address are requested, but the list contains **an explicit exit door** for families who cannot produce them. Two things to watch: the immunization records have a **dated deadline**, and the paper enrollment packet contains a **Medicaid access consent** form described as mandatory to sign and return; we could not verify what that form authorizes.

THIS GUIDE WAS WRITTEN FROM ONE DISTRICT'S LIST

- **Research found no statewide school enrollment document list written for Oregon.** The list below is the Portland school district's own, and we keep that caveat explicit.
- **Outside the district the list may differ.** The rule that also holds in Oregon is this: **district boundaries need not match city limits.** A street on the other side can fall in a different district, so find out which district your address sits in **before you sign a lease.**
- We **could not read** the pages for the district's language development, dual-language immersion and language access units, so this guide does not describe how a newly arrived student is assessed in the classroom or what support they receive; ask during enrollment.

Documents requested, from the district's own list

ITEM	AS THE DISTRICT WRITES IT
Proof of age	"Proof of age document (birth certificate, passport or similar)." The passport is expressly named , so you do not have to hunt for a birth certificate
Two proofs of address	Examples named: mortgage document, lease, utility bills (dated within the last 30 days at the time of enrollment), insurance or public assistance statement. The document must show the parent's name, home address and a date
If you cannot produce two	The list's own sentence: if you cannot provide two proofs of address, contact the enrollment and transfer center. The door does not close

ITEM	AS THE DISTRICT WRITES IT
Immunization records	"All students must provide proof of immunization or a valid medical or non-medical exemption to enroll in school." The state's certificate of immunization status form is completed and submitted with a copy of the records before the first day of school
Vision and dental screening information	Requested for students age 7 and under who are new to the district
Emergency contact and previous school information	Requested; previous school information is not requested for children starting kindergarten
Social Security number	The checklist asks for it nowhere and neither does the enrollment page. We read the list in full
Immigration status	The checklist and the enrollment page say nothing about immigration status . So we do not say "status does not matter"; we say the enrollment pages do not ask about it

Two enrollment routes, and a form to ask about before signing

- **Online:** you create an account in the district's parent portal, select new student enrollment for the correct school year and upload documents. Enrollment is completed **at the school**. Because online enrollment places the student at **the school assigned to the home address**, verify which school you are zoned to using the district's school finder first.
- **Paper:** you hand the packet to the school's administrative assistant. The packet contains the enrollment form, a **Medicaid access consent** and a technology agreement. The district states: **the Medicaid access consent is a mandatory form that must be signed and returned**.
- **We have to be honest about that form.** It is described as mandatory, but we **could not verify** exactly what it authorizes, whether the consent can be declined without harming enrollment, or how the data is used. Given the federal Medicaid changes of October 1, 2026, that is a question worth asking before you sign. Ask the school's administrative assistant or the enrollment center and **get the answer in writing**. Asking is free; taking back a signature is hard.

The enrollment office and the languages that are staffed

- **Enrollment and transfer center:** 501 N. Dixon St, Suite 140, Portland, OR 97227; enrollment-office@pps.net.
- The **six languages** the district staffs its enrollment line in are: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian and Somali. **Turkish is not on that list**. Chinese has its own number (**503-916-3585**) and the other five share **503-916-3205**.
- The district also publishes **fully translated enrollment pages** in Spanish, Vietnamese and Somali. **So this guide promises no Turkish support**; submit your interpreter request in writing and send it before the enrollment meeting.
- **Families with no fixed address or in uncertain housing call 503-916-5770.** For a newly arrived family that has not yet signed a lease this is **the right door**; do not delay enrollment because you lack a proof of address.

- One comparison, because both lists come from the same city and get confused: the city's general information line prints its translation offer in **nine** languages, while the school district staffs **six**. They are not the same list, and **Turkish is on neither**.

IMMUNIZATIONS HAVE A DATED DEADLINE, AND THAT IS UNCOMMON IN THIS SERIES

- The vaccines required from 2 months through grade 12: **DTaP, Tdap, polio, varicella, measles mumps rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A and HIB**. Dose counts vary by age and grade. The state's sentence: **school immunization requirements did not change for the 2026-2027 school year**; check again for the following year.
- **"Exclusion day" is not an automatic removal date, it is a document deadline**: schools must exclude students who were sent an exclusion order if the records have not arrived by that day. **For 2027 the exclusion day is February 24, 2027** and the orders are mailed to parents by local health authorities on **February 3, 2027**. We take the date from the calendar the state publishes; **we could not find the adopted rule text**.
- **The non-medical exemption route**: the parent watches the state's vaccine education module (roughly **15 to 60 minutes** depending on how many vaccines are exempted) and prints the education certificate at the end; alternatively, they speak with a health care provider and obtain a signed copy of the certificate. Then the exemption section of the certificate of immunization status is completed and both are given to the school. The education certificate must be **dated within the last 12 months** on the day it is submitted; once on file the exemption is **indefinite** and **travels to a new school**.
- **A practical warning for a family arriving mid-year**: take a child who arrives with a Turkish vaccine booklet to a health care provider **in your first weeks, not in February**, and have the records transcribed onto the state's certificate. After an order arrives in February, completing the paperwork that week is hard.

- 1 Settle the address.** Find out which district you are in before you sign a lease, and verify the assigned school with the district's school finder.
- 2 Have the passport ready as proof of age.** The list names it.
- 3 Collect two proofs of address.** A bill dated within the last 30 days or a lease; if you have neither, call the enrollment center rather than postponing enrollment.
- 4 Handle the immunization file in your first weeks.** Get an English transcription of the record brought from Türkiye and have it entered on the state's certificate.
- 5 Collect the transcript before you leave Türkiye.** For a high-school-age child, request the transcript and course descriptions from the school there; it is far harder to obtain after you arrive.
- 6 Submit the interpreter request in writing.** There is no registered Turkish program, so you have to make it as a service request.
- 7 Do not sign the Medicaid access consent without reading it** and ask in writing what it authorizes.



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