

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · PARADISE

School Enrollment in Paradise: One County-Wide District, 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

The school district here is **county-wide** as well: the **Clark County School District**, and being unincorporated does not change that. What changes is **which school**, and that is set by **your address**. There is a trap: the city name on your envelope says Las Vegas, and the answer to the school question comes not from the envelope but from the district's own **zoning search**. The good news is on documents: the district states on its own page that it **does not collect or verify** students' immigration status and cites a state law section, and **its published required-document list contains no Social Security number**. The hard part is this: **photocopies are not accepted**, and a **driver license does not count as proof of address**.

Find the school first, not by reading the envelope

Because the district covers the whole county, a parent's question here is answered **by address, not by town name**. Since your mailing address says Las Vegas, reasoning from the envelope gives the wrong answer. The only reliable route is to put your **full street address** into the district's own **zoning search**, and to do it **before you sign a lease**: two streets apart in the same neighborhood can fall to different schools. **There is a second reason here**: part of the building stock sits close to the tourist corridor and large employers, and two addresses in the same zip code can differ sharply. **Do not trust a neighborhood name or a zip code**.

The four document groups

DOCUMENT	WHAT THE DISTRICT ASKS FOR
Proof of address	One document: a current utility bill , a current mortgage statement, a rent receipt , a residential lease or a purchase agreement. Telephone and cable bills are expressly not accepted , and a driver license does not count as proof of address for this purpose
Parent identification	A driver license, picture ID or passport . The passport being named keeps this door open for a Turkish parent; guardianship papers are asked for where applicable
The child's identity	An original birth certificate, a passport, or a certified birth card from a health district . The district writes it on its own page: photocopies are not accepted

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Immunization record	Required , with a valid document. The district cites a statute section and states that exemptions exist for religious belief or medical reasons

Proof of address excluding the driver license hits harder in this settlement. Here the sewer and trash bills go to the **property owner**; in a tenant household the bills that can produce proof of address are usually **water and electricity**. That makes opening those accounts in the first week a precondition of school enrollment too; the order is in our **moving checklist**.

THREE OPTIONS THAT RESCUE A FAMILY SHORT OF PAPERS, AND ASK FOR EACH BY NAME

- **The shared housing option.** Families where the parent or guardian has no lease, mortgage or bill in their own name can select this during online registration. In the district's own system it is called **Shared Housing**; **for a newcomer this may be the most important line here**, because nothing may be in your name in the first month.
- **A future-dated lease or purchase agreement.** The school enrolls the child and asks for a second proof of address **within thirty days**.
- **The district's federally funded housing program**, called **Title I HOPE** in its system, can help obtain an **original birth certificate** that cannot be located, and eligible families are given **extra time** for immunization records and proof of address.
- **Do not postpone enrollment because you lack proof of address.** These are options the district publishes; doors that open with one sentence at the registration desk.

Immigration status and the number question

The district states on its own page that it **does not collect or verify** students' immigration status and that it is not responsible for enforcing federal immigration law, citing a state law section. **We could not read that section's text**, because the state legislature site did not open by any route this round; we cite the number only as the district cites it and we quote no statutory text.

And something is absent from the list: the district's published required-document list **contains no Social Security number**. We write that not as a number is not requested but as **the published list contains no number**. The identity documents the district names, a passport and a birth certificate, can already be obtained without a number. **Do not conflate the two**. Statewide provisions are in [the school section of our Nevada guide](#).

Language: three separate lists and we do not average them

- The district's **online registration system works in two languages**: English and Spanish. That is the operational answer at the registration desk.
- The **home language identification prompts** the district uses for first contact with newly arrived families exist in **forty-nine languages**.
- The district's core document on language learners is published in **eight languages**.

TURKISH IS IN NONE OF THE LANGUAGE LISTS, AND WE WRITE THAT PLAINLY

- **Turkish was not found in any list we read.** We are not hiding it.
- **But the right does not depend on the language:** state law recognizes a parent's right to **a qualified interpreter in their own native language** regardless of which language that is, and the district's multilingual learner and family services unit states that it provides translation and interpretation at district meetings and at special education meetings.
- **The sentence to build is this:** we do not say Turkish services exist; we say **there is a right to be requested and this is its door.**
- **Make the request in writing,** name the meeting it is for, and keep the answer with its date. **You are not obliged to walk into a meeting without an interpreter.**
- **One more line for a shift-working parent:** many households here work evenings and nights while school meetings happen during the day. **Ask for the time and the language in the same letter.**

Age and grade placement

- For kindergarten the child must be **five on August 1**, for first grade **six** and have completed kindergarten. The district's own rule says kindergarten completion **cannot be satisfied by an online or home-education program.**
 - **A student arriving from another U.S. state** who meets that state's age requirements and can present a **report card, transcript or official promotion letter** can be enrolled in the grade they were attending.
 - **But note:** that rule is written for other U.S. states. **We found no published district rule on grade placement for a child arriving from another country.** For a family coming from Türkiye the most practical preparation is to bring the child's **report cards and school records with notarized translations** and to ask this question directly at the registration desk.
- 1 **Put your full street address into the district's zoning search,** and do it before the lease. The city name on your envelope does not answer the school question.
 - 2 **Get a utility bill or a lease first,** because the driver license does not count and the sewer and trash bills are not in your name.
 - 3 **Prepare the original of the child's identity document.** The passport is one of three listed options; photocopies are not accepted.
 - 4 **Take the immunization record,** and have it translated into English before you leave Türkiye.
 - 5 **If documents are missing, ask for the three options by name** and do not postpone enrollment.
 - 6 **Write Turkish on the home language survey.** That survey is the only record that leads to language support and to an interpreter request.
 - 7 **On the emergency contact form** name a second adult who can be reached during the hours you cannot answer your phone on shift; that list also governs who may collect the child.



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