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Pittsburgh School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Pittsburgh Public Schools)

Enrollment steps, documents, Welcome Wednesdays open houses, and rights for immigrant families.

SHORT ANSWER

To enroll a child in Pittsburgh Public Schools, a document proving the child's age (birth certificate or passport), two separate current proofs of residency, and immunization records are enough; an SSN is not required, and the district may not ask about immigration status, guaranteed under Pennsylvania state law. Enrollment is centralized through the Registration Gateway Center. Families whose dominant language is not English can reach the English Language Development Office for support. Confirm current details with your school or the district before you go.

Step by step

- 1 Apply through the Registration Gateway Center.** Pittsburgh Public Schools' centralized portal for enrollment documents (registration.discoverpps.org); you can also submit documents directly at your neighborhood school.
- 2** Gather your documents and bring them to the school or the Registration Gateway Center.
- 3** If a language other than English is spoken at home, contact the English Language Development Office or ask your child's school directly.
- 4 Visit a "Welcome Wednesday" open house before enrolling.** On select Wednesdays, families can tour schools and meet staff before formally enrolling.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Evidence of the child's age	A birth certificate, passport, or baptismal certificate
☐ Two separate current proofs of residency	A valid PA driver's license/vehicle registration, a utility bill, tax records, a lease or mortgage statement, or an official public-assistance letter; two of these are required
☐ Immunization record	Dated records from the child's doctor or former school, or an international health certificate

No Social Security number appears on this list. Pennsylvania state law bars every school district, including Pittsburgh, from requiring an SSN or asking about a student's or parent's immigration status as a condition of

enrollment.

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- Pennsylvania state law bars every school district, including Pittsburgh, from requiring an SSN or asking about a student's or parent's immigration status as a condition of enrollment.
- Pittsburgh Public Schools' Registration Gateway Center centralizes the document process; if anything is unclear, ask your school or the district directly.

Age rules and early childhood options

This research could not confirm Pittsburgh Public Schools' specific kindergarten age cutoff as of this guide's publication date; confirm the current age requirement with your child's school or the district before enrolling. A universal, no-income-requirement pre-K program equivalent to Philadelphia's PHLpreK could not be confirmed for Pittsburgh in this research; ask the district or check Allegheny County's own early-childhood resources for options.

Bilingual support

The English Language Development Office supports families whose dominant language is not English: 412-529-3516 or 412-529-3367. Enrollment: pghschools.org/about/enrollment/home and registration.discoverpps.org.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Have your child's Turkish birth certificate and vaccination record translated into English and bring them to enrollment; not having an SSN will not delay enrollment.

Confirm district-specific details (document list, age rules, enrollment hours) at pghschools.org/about/enrollment/home or with your school before you go. Information as of September 28, 2026.



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