

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · PLYMOUTH

School Enrollment in Plymouth: Four Districts and the Address Decides, 2026

In this city the school decision and the housing decision are the same decision, because Plymouth is split across four school districts and the street address sets the school.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no single answer in Plymouth, because the city is split across **four separate school districts: Wayzata Public Schools, Robbinsdale Area Schools, Osseo Area Schools and Hopkins Public Schools**. Your child's district is set by **your street address**, and the City publishes **what share of the city each of the four covers**, so this is the City's own data rather than an estimate. The practical consequence: **confirm which district an address falls in before you sign a lease or make an offer**, because two streets over can be a different district. On admission, state law is clear: it turns on **residence in the district and the child's age**, and the admission section **says nothing at all about immigration**. On documents, let us be honest: **research could not read the published enrollment document lists of the four districts**, and we do not carry the neighboring cities' confirmed lists over here.

Four districts, and the City's own percentages

The City's own language: Plymouth residents are served by **four public school districts**. The shares it publishes and the areas they cover are below. Two details make the table worth reading. First, **2.8 percent** of the city falls in the smallest district, whose schools are elsewhere, so in that small slice your child travels out of the city. Second, the City publishes **a map of schools and school districts as a PDF**, so you do not have to guess.

DISTRICT	SHARE OF THE CITY	AREA COVERED
Wayzata Public Schools (ISD 284)	63.8%	West and south; all but one of its schools are in Plymouth
Robbinsdale Area Schools (ISD 281)	20.6%	East-central
Osseo Area Schools (ISD 279)	12.8%	Northeast
Hopkins Public Schools (ISD 270)	2.8%	Southeast corner

THE CONFLICT WE ARE PRINTING: SITES THAT SAY THREE DISTRICTS

- A third-party site lists Plymouth as served by **three** districts and names **Intermediate School District 287** in place of two of them.
- **The City's own page and map are controlling** and we do not publish the three-district version.
- If a real estate site or a school comparison site shows three districts, **check it against the City's own map** and take the map as governing.
- **Why it matters:** house-hunting against the wrong district in this city does not cost you a weekend, it costs you a signed lease.

The verification to do before you rent or buy

- 1 **Open the City's school district map** and find the address on it.
- 2 **Confirm it with the district's own address lookup.** The map is a general frame; the district gives the final answer, because school attendance boundaries are drawn separately within a district.
- 3 **Ask the landlord or seller for written confirmation.** Treat it as a pre-contract item rather than a courtesy question.
- 4 **Set your moving date against the school calendar.** The four districts do not have to share a calendar.
- 5 **Ask about the electric provider in the same conversation.** In this city both change by address and both belong before the contract; we set out the provider side in our moving checklist.

Enrollment documents: what we can and cannot say

We write this honestly. State law ties admission to **residence and age** and says nothing about immigration status; the immunization section also lets a transferring student attend for **up to 30 days** while records are in transit. Both apply statewide and so in Plymouth. **But research could not read the four districts' own enrollment document lists**, so we do not write a sentence here saying no Social Security number appears on the list. We can write that for the school districts of the metro's two big cities, because their lists were read; **we do not carry that over here.** What to do: call the district, ask **which documents are required to enroll**, and ask for the answer in writing. If a number is requested, you can point out that state law ties admission to residence and age and says nothing about immigration status. The immunization list, the age thresholds and the full text of the exemptions are in [the school section of the state guide](#); this guide does not repeat them.

LANGUAGE SUPPORT: DO NOT WAIT FOR IT, ASK FOR IT

- **We could not confirm whether the four districts provide Turkish support.** In the school districts of the metro's two big cities, Turkish is **not** among the languages actually translated into, so do not expect it here either.
- **The route is to ask for an interpreter in a less commonly used language on request,** and to ask **at enrollment, in writing.** Asking on the day is usually too late.
- **Repeat the request before the next parent meeting** and have it recorded each time. Saying it once, verbally, has not been enough anywhere in this series.
- **Translate the documents you brought from Türkiye up front:** the child's birth certificate, the immunization card and school reports. Those four items work in every district in this series and they help your immigration file too.

The library card: there is a wrinkle here and we write out why

In some cities in this series school enrollment carries a direct side benefit and the library card arrives on its own. **No such automatic link was confirmed in Plymouth,** so you have to get the card separately. The good news is in the requirements: the branch here is **Plymouth Library,** part of the **Hennepin County Library** system, **cards are free,** and **no Social Security number, citizenship or immigration-status requirement appears anywhere in the published requirements;** what is required is county residence or property ownership, plus proof of address. Residents and property owners can get a card in person at any branch, or apply online and receive **a digital card immediately; cards are not mailed** and online applicants get account information by email. **To check out physical items for the first time you must visit a service desk and provide proof of your address.** The wrinkle is exactly there: **because the water account is not in a renter's name in this city, you will not have the classic utility-bill proof.** You will have your lease, but **call the branch before you go** and ask which documents are accepted. This is specific to Plymouth and it saves a trip.

- **What the card gives:** materials, library computers and online resources. Printing immigration forms, a place to work and children's programs all come behind the same card.
- **Most Minnesota residents elsewhere in the state can register their own local library card** with this system. Non-Minnesota residents can buy a **\$60** annual fee card; it allows physical borrowing but not downloadable content or remote access to subscription resources, and it expires **12 months** after issue.
- **And one limit:** moving within this city **can change your school district,** because there are four of them. The question to ask before signing a lease is the same question on every move: which district.

SCHOOL MATTERS ON THE TÜRKIYE SIDE: EQUIVALENCE IS A SEPARATE DOOR

- School registration and equivalence matters for Türkiye run through the **education attaché in the same building as the Consulate General in Chicago**, so no trip to another city is needed and it can be added to the same appointment day.
- **The equivalence errand runs independently of the district**, but you need to know which district you are in when you request the document from the school.
- **The document chain in order:** the document from the school, notarization if required, then the apostille. The apostille desk is at the far end of the metro and appointments open **14 days ahead**; we set it out in our consulate guide.
- **Do not confuse the reverse direction either:** Turkish documents you will use in the United States for your immigration file are apostilled in Türkiye and submitted here with a certified English translation.



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