

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · PUYALLUP

Puyallup School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Puyallup School District)

Online enrollment through the Focus Family Portal, one of nine proofs of address, the three-week removal risk, the language survey, and why a Puyallup mailing address may sit in another district.

SHORT ANSWER

Puyallup School District enrolls online through the **Focus Family Portal**. Enrollment runs from the Education Service Center, 302 2nd St SE, 253-841-1301. You prepare the Verification of Residency Form with one proof of address, an immunization record and, for the youngest grades, proof of age. **Neither an SSN nor an immigration document is on the district's list of required papers; the district also publishes no sentence saying it does not ask, so what protects your child is the statewide rule and Plyler v. Doe rather than anything the district has written.** Because a Puyallup mailing address can sit inside a different school district, check the boundary map first.

WHICH DISTRICT IS YOUR ADDRESS IN? SETTLE THIS FIRST

A Puyallup mailing address does not always fall inside Puyallup School District. This is Pierce County and several districts border one another here: Sumner-Bonney Lake, Bethel, Fife, Orting, Tacoma and Franklin Pierce. **The district's own page does not say which Puyallup addresses fall outside PSD**, so we cannot hand you a ready list: type the address into the district's online boundary map before you sign anything.

Where enrollment runs from

Enrollment is handled from the **Education Service Center, 302 2nd St SE, Puyallup WA 98372**; the line for registration, transfers and release of attendance is **253-841-1301**. Children are assigned to a school by home address, and the district's online Boundary Map decides which one. **There is no separate enrollment center:** the district says to "contact the registrar at your local school", the application is online, and everything after that runs through the school office. If you already have a child in PSD you do not re-enroll each year.

Step by step

- 1 Find your assigned school.** Type your home address into the Boundary Map; if you are house hunting, do this before you sign.
- 2 Gather your documents.** For address, the Verification of Residency Form plus one of nine options is asked for.
- 3 Create a Focus Family Portal account** and complete the New Student Enrollment Form online.

- 4 **Check that the phone number and email on the form work.** The school contacts you if anything is missing, and if it **cannot reach you within three weeks it may remove the registration.**

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Verification of Residency Form and one proof of address	Any one of these will do: escrow papers, a mortgage or HOA statement; a lease with a current rent receipt; a landlord letter on apartment or mobile home park letterhead; a utility bill (gas, electricity, water, cable TV, garbage, home phone); a homeowner or renter insurance statement; verification of social services; or verification that you live with another person. In that last case, that person has to be listed as a contact on the form
☐ Proof of age (kindergarten and grade 1 only)	A birth certificate, an adoption record, a physician-certified document or an immunization record showing the date of birth
☐ Immunization record	The Immunization Record Form, proof of vaccines (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella) and the Health History Form. A record in another language is accepted once a health care provider has verified it. Statewide, a conditional attendance rule covers a child with missing doses, but we could not work out from the pages we read how PSD applies it in practice : if a dose is missing, ask the registrar beforehand and ask for the answer in writing
☐ School history	An official transcript is recommended for grades 9 to 12; grade placement is set from prior records
☐ Surveys	The OSPI Home Language Survey and the Student Housing Questionnaire (McKinney-Vento). Upload any IEP or 504 paperwork as well
☐ SSN or immigration papers	Not on the list of required documents. The detail is below

If you have no fixed address

If you have no verifiable address, **a child may be enrolled immediately under McKinney-Vento without the paperwork being complete.** That right opens through the Student Housing Questionnaire, so do not leave it blank. If you are staying in another family's home, the person you share it with has to be listed as a contact on the form, so tell them in advance.

Is an SSN or immigration document required?

We searched the district's registration page, language access page and multilingual education page for "social security", "SSN", "immigration" and "citizenship": **none of them appears**, so neither an SSN nor a status document is on the list of required papers. Let us be honest about one thing: some districts write "we do not ask about immigration status" on their own page, and **no such sentence appears on the PSD pages we read.** What we verified is that these questions are not asked, not a written commitment by the district. What protects your child is state law and a federal court decision rather than the district's word.

- Under the rules of [OSPI](#), the state education agency, schools may not require Social Security numbers from all students, may not require immigration status to be disclosed or documented, and **may not turn a child away from enrollment for lack of an SSN or papers.**
- Under Plyler v. Doe (1982) every child living in the United States may attend public school regardless of their own or their family's immigration status.
- If a staff member insists, do not argue: show them the OSPI page and put your request to the district in writing.

What is there for a child whose English is new?

- **The program is called Multilingual Learning (MLL)**, and the Home Language Survey you complete at enrollment triggers an English assessment.
- Qualifying students take the **WIDA ACCESS** test once a year and support comes **inside the general classroom**, so the child is not moved to a separate class.
- The district also runs a Spanish dual language immersion program, ASL classes and after-school tutoring for grades 7 to 12. The score thresholds and a family's right to decline the service are statewide rules: see our [Washington State guide](#).

IS THERE ANY SERVICE IN TURKISH?

The honest answer: interpretation yes, material prepared in Turkish no. The district provides free interpretation and translation in **more than 200 languages** through **Propio**, by phone or video at the school office and in person by arrangement; vital documents are translated on a few days of notice. Requests go to languageaccess@puyallupsd.org. The multilingual line is 253-841-1301, but the options are for other languages: press 2 for Spanish, 3 for Ukrainian, 4 for Russian, 5 for Dari and Pashto. **There is no Turkish option**, and the Home Language Survey has no Turkish version either; **no document named as Turkish and no promise of a Turkish interpreter appeared on the district pages we read**. So you have to request Turkish separately from inside the 200-language service: ask by email before a meeting and keep the confirmation.

Dates and other options

- **Kindergarten age:** for 2026-27 the child must turn 5 on or before August 31, 2026. PEEK covers September birthdays, plus Transition to Kindergarten and special education preschool for ages 3 to 5.
- **New-student enrollment for 2027-28 opens in February 2027.** If you move mid-year you do not have to wait.
- **Transfers and alternatives:** in-district transfers, out-of-district waivers and choice transfers each have their own form, and some schools have closed capacity, so apply early; Puyallup Digital Learning, Walker High School and Puyallup Open Doors for ages 16 to 21 are also options.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Bring an English translation of the immunization record and school records from Türkiye. Enrollment does not require a translation, but it speeds up grade placement. On proof of address the district asks for one document but wants it in your name and current, so set aside the **PSE bill** that arrives the week you move in, or your lease with the rent receipt. Because a tenant can hold the water account in their own name in Puyallup, that gives you a second document. Set your expectations on language from the start: there is no Turkish option on the phone menu, but you are entitled to a free interpreter.

Statewide rights and the immunization tables are in our [Washington guide](#). Confirm district details on the district's own pages before you go. Information as of October 1, 2026.



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