

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · REDMOND

Redmond School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Lake Washington School District)

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SHORT ANSWER

No, an SSN is not needed. Redmond belongs to **Lake Washington School District (LWSD)**: more than 30,000 students in 54 schools. There is no central enrollment center; you enroll at your neighborhood school or online through Skyward. What you bring: proof of date of birth, **two separate proofs of address** and an immunization record. Neither an SSN nor immigration papers are on the list. District office: 16250 NE 74th St, Redmond.

Which school will your child attend?

LWSD serves Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish plus parts of Bellevue, Woodinville and unincorporated King County. Children are assigned to a district school by address; type yours into the district's School and Bus Finder tool. If the result is unclear, call Transportation at 425-936-1120. The schools with Redmond in their name are Redmond Elementary, Redmond Middle School and Redmond High School, but **a Redmond address may well feed a differently named LWSD school**, so do not guess.

Where do you enroll?

- 1 Do not look for a central welcome center.** The district says on its own page that new students enroll at their neighborhood school or online. There is no single enrollment center of the kind Seattle has.
- 2 Call the school or start online.** You can leave your name, phone and email with the school, fill in the district's contact form, or request login details through Skyward and enroll under Enrollment Access. Online enrollment takes about 20 to 30 minutes and you can save and come back.
- 3 High schools may want an appointment.** The district says some schools, high schools in particular, prefer you to call for an appointment first. A paper form is also available.
- 4 If you have questions:** the district office is at 16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond WA 98052, 425-936-1200; the registrar is registrar@lwsd.org. There is a Resource Center on the ground floor of the district office.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Proof of date of birth	A birth certificate, hospital record, passport, adoption record or prior school record
☐ Two separate proofs of address	Mail from a government agency (vehicle registration, a Good To Go bill, a letter from Social Security, immigration, unemployment insurance or DOL, a USPS change-of-address letter, a ballot); a mortgage statement, homeowner insurance policy or property tax bill; an unexpired lease showing the landlord's contact details; or a utility bill no more than two months old
☐ Immunization record	A signed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)
☐ Emergency card and a signed Residency Verification Form	Along with prior school records if you have them
☐ SSN or immigration papers	Not asked. They appear neither on the enrollment page nor in the FAQ

TWO DETAILS THAT SAVE YOUR MOVING WEEK

- **An internet bill does not count.** As a utility bill the district accepts water, sewer, gas, electricity and garbage; **cable, internet and phone bills are not accepted.** Originals are required and the address on both documents has to match.
- **The residency rule:** the district expects the child to sleep at the address at least four nights a week. Buying or renting the home is not enough on its own, and residency through an arrangement with a friend or relative is not accepted. Foster care, homelessness and emancipated-student situations have their own rules.

Is immigration status asked?

No. The district's nondiscrimination notice lists immigration or citizenship status among the protected characteristics. A letter from immigration authorities appears only as one example of government-agency mail, that is, as proof of address rather than proof of status. The state education agency, [OSPI](#), says the same: districts may not require Social Security numbers from all students, may not ask you to disclose or document immigration status, and may not deny admission because a child is undocumented. Under Plyler v. Doe (1982) every child living in the United States may attend public school.

What happens for a child who is still learning English?

- **Language survey:** every new student completes the Home Language Survey at enrollment. If the language spoken at home is not English, the child takes the state WIDA screener.
- **The program:** more than 3,000 students in the district receive English language development services and the district says it hosts more than 95 culture and language groups. Services are delivered at the child's

own school: pull-out, in-class support and co-teaching in elementary school, and separate English language development classes in grades 6 to 12.

- **Assessment:** an English test is given every February or March, and students who exit the program are monitored for two years.
- **High school credit:** in grades 9 to 12 students can earn world language credit for proficiency in another language. There is no separate note about Turkish, so ask the school.

IS THERE TURKISH-LANGUAGE SERVICE?

Interpretation and document translation are free, but Turkish is not a service sitting ready. The district says every parent has the right to receive information in a language they understand and provides interpreters by phone or in person at no cost; an in-person interpreter needs 5 business days of notice. ParentSquare and Skyward also have their own translation features. But the district publishes its language access rights in 24 languages and Turkish is not among them. So you do not find Turkish support waiting, you request it: before an important meeting, put the request in writing and get it confirmed. For complaints, the Civil Rights Coordinator is civilrights@lwsd.org, OSPI Equity and Civil Rights 360-725-6162, and the Education Ombuds 1-866-297-2597.

Age and immunization rules

To start first grade a child must have turned six by August 31; there is a separate program for early kindergarten entry. The immunization list and exemption rules are the same statewide: a record in another language is accepted if a health official has verified it, and a child with missing doses can start under conditional status. The detail is 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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