

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio School Enrollment Guide 2026 (SAISD, NISD, NEISD)

Finding your district, Northside ISD enrollment steps, documents, age rules, vaccines and rights for immigrant families.

SHORT ANSWER

San Antonio has no single school district: San Antonio ISD (SAISD), Northside ISD (NISD), North East ISD (NEISD) and others serve different parts of the city, and your address decides which one is yours. Districts generally ask for a birth certificate, immunization records and proof of address; an SSN is not required (NISD lists it as "optional" on its own page). NISD and NEISD now also accept applications from families outside their traditional boundaries.

Step by step

- 1 Find your district by address.** A "San Antonio" mailing address can sit in any of many districts: SAISD, NISD, NEISD, Edgewood, Harlandale, South San Antonio, Judson, East Central, Alamo Heights and others. Check: [TEA district locator](#).
- 2 Go to the district's enrollment page.** [Northside ISD](#) · [North East ISD](#) · [San Antonio ISD](#).
- 3 Complete the online registration.** NISD has three steps: enter the information, verify it on a summary page, submit. A confirmation arrives by email. Forms are in English, Spanish and Pashto.
- 4 Upload documents or bring them to the campus.**
- 5 New to U.S. schools?** Tell the campus staff; they help with enrollment and language support.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Child's birth certificate	NISD asks for the original certified copy. For a child born outside the U.S., it can be provided later if needed.
☐ Proof of address	NISD: a utility bill, a lease or sales contract, or a notarized Affidavit of Residence.
☐ Immunization record	Current records, validated by a physician or clinic.
☐ Parent photo ID	Driver's license, Texas ID or passport.
☐ Guardianship papers	If someone other than a parent enrolls the child.

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Previous school records	Report cards or transcripts if available (with English translation).
☐ Social Security card	Optional. Without it, the student gets an alternative student ID number.

Age rules

LEVEL	RULE
Pre-K3	Age 3 on or before September 1
Pre-K4	Age 4 on or before September 1
Kindergarten	Age 5 on or before September 1
Compulsory attendance	Starts at 6. A child enrolled in Pre-K or kindergarten must attend while enrolled

Pre-K is free for some children: limited English, low income, homelessness, or a military or foster family, among others. A child who speaks Turkish at home may qualify based on the language test. Dates and tuition differ by district, so check your district's Pre-K page.

Required vaccines (K-12)

- DTaP / DT / Td / Tdap: 5 doses (4 if the 4th was on or after age 4)
- Polio: 4 doses (3 if the 3rd was on or after age 4)
- MMR: 2 · Hepatitis B: 3 · Varicella: 2 · Hepatitis A: 2
- 7th grade: Tdap booster and 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine (on or after age 11)
- Provisional enrollment is possible if at least one dose of each vaccine has been given; reviewed every 30 days

2026-27: OPEN ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

- Northside ISD has accepted enrollment from families across the San Antonio area since June 2025.
- The North East ISD board voted to open its boundaries for 2026-27: students living in the San Antonio area can apply to NEISD campuses. Applications and documents go through NEISD's Registration & Enrollment Hub.
- SAISD Choice schools accept students from inside and outside the district. Application dates change every year, so check saisd.net/enroll.
- Before you enroll outside your zoned district, ask whether transportation is provided and what the transfer conditions are.

Where to get help

ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS AND PHONE
Northside ISD main line	(210) 397-8500 · 5900 Evers Road, San Antonio 78238
Northside ISD, Student Advocacy & School Choice	(210) 397-8695 · sasc@nisd.net
SAISD Enrollment Office	(210) 554-2660 · saisd.net/enroll
NEISD registration hub	neisd.net/Registration

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- Under Plyler v. Doe (1982), every child living in the district may attend public school regardless of immigration status.
- Schools may not ask about your or your child's immigration status.
- An SSN or green card cannot be required for enrollment. The school may request an SSN; students without one, or who do not provide it, receive an alternative student ID number.
- Missing documents do not block enrollment; you are given time to provide them.
- Have foreign vaccine records translated and reviewed by a U.S. doctor to avoid delays.

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