

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · SCHAUMBURG

Enrolling a Child in School in Schaumburg: District 54 and District 211, 2026 Guide

Two separate districts, one plus two proofs of residence, the sealed birth certificate rule, the parent liaison, language support and the rights of immigrant families.

SHORT ANSWER

No SSN is required: neither district lists a Social Security number among the documents. School in Schaumburg is run by two separate districts: Community Consolidated School District 54 for kindergarten through grade 8, and Township High School District 211 for grades 9 to 12. District 54 starts with an online application and then an appointment at your neighborhood school; District 211 enrolls you directly through the registrar at the high school. Both require an original sealed birth certificate, and a hospital certificate is not accepted.

1. Two districts, two separate enrollments

For someone arriving from Chicago this is the biggest difference: there is no single school district. Your child attends elementary and middle school in District 54 and high school in District 211, and you enroll separately with each; which school they attend is set by your address. The village's own material names only District 54, and we could not verify whether some Schaumburg addresses fall in a neighboring elementary district. So before you sign a lease or buy, check your address on [District 54's boundaries page](#): enter the grade level and the address and it gives you your neighborhood school.

DISTRICT	GRADES	OFFICE AND REGISTRATION PHONE
Community Consolidated School District 54	Kindergarten - 8	524 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194 · 847-357-5103 · switchboard 847-357-5000
Township High School District 211	9 - 12	Higgins Education Center, 1750 S. Roselle Rd., Palatine, IL 60067 · 847-755-6600 · enrollment happens at the high school, not the district office

2. District 54: how registration works

- 1 Fill in the online application.** You complete the district's Online Application form for the relevant school year. For a child who has attended the district before, it runs through the Parent Portal.

- 2 Call the neighborhood school for an appointment.** You go to the school to present documents and sign; the work is done at the child's school, not at the district office. In summer 2026 new student appointments were taken at the Professional Learning Center (522 E. Schaumburg Rd.); from August 4, 2026 the process moved back into the school buildings.
- 3 Bring the documents.** The district asks for three things: proof of identification, proof of residence and the child's original birth certificate, visa or passport. An immunization record is also required.
- 4 The language screener.** Illinois requires a screening test for every student who speaks a language other than English at home; it is part of the registration process.
- 5 Ask for the parent liaison.** A District 54 Parent Liaison meets families new to the United States during the child's language assessment and explains the school system, free and reduced lunch, immunization clinics, social service support, after-school care and the food pantry. Ask for that conversation at your first appointment; it closes a lot of questions in one sitting.
- 6 It is rechecked every year.** Proof of residence is asked for again at registration time.

A HOSPITAL CERTIFICATE WILL NOT DO FOR THE BIRTH RECORD

The district's own warning matters: the official birth certificate comes from **the County Clerk of the county where the child was born**, and a certificate issued by the hospital is not accepted. District 211 says the same: a hospital or baptismal certificate is not acceptable. If your child was born in Cook County you get the certificate from the Clerk, and the nearest open counter is Skokie; the Rolling Meadows counter is closed, so do not go there. Have a certified English translation of a Turkish birth certificate made from the start.

3. Proof of residence: one plus two

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ At least one document from the first category	The most recent property tax bill, or mortgage or closing papers showing the owner as taxpayer; a signed lease with beginning and end dates plus a Section 8 letter if you have one; or a military housing letter.
☐ At least two documents from the second category	An Illinois driver's license, state ID or vehicle registration; a gas, water, electric, internet, television or telephone bill or service letter; public aid papers; a bank statement; home or vehicle insurance papers; a pay stub; a letter from a doctor or hospital.
☐ The child's birth certificate	Original and sealed, issued by the County Clerk. A hospital certificate is not accepted. A visa or passport is the alternative.
☐ Immunization record	Required; District 211 also asks for a current physical on the form the school approves.
☐ Court order for a guardian	Required for a guardian who is not the parent. McKinney-Vento rules apply to families without stable housing.
☐ SSN card	Not requested. Neither a Social Security number nor immigration status appears on the registration pages we read.

A practical tip: because a tenant in Schaumburg can open the water account in their own name, one of the second-category documents is easy to get. Keep your lease, your first ComEd or Nicor bill and a pay stub in one file; turning up at the registration appointment with those three is usually enough.

4. The high school side: District 211

- **There are five high schools:** Schaumburg High School (1100 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194, 847-755-4600), James B. Conant High School (700 E. Cougar Trail, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169, 847-755-3600), Hoffman Estates High School (1100 W. Higgins Rd., Hoffman Estates), William Fremd High School (1000 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine) and Palatine High School (1111 N. Rohlwing Rd., Palatine). Which one a Schaumburg address attends is set by the attendance boundary.
- **Enrollment happens at the high school.** You apply to the registrar at the school your child will attend, not to the district office; the registrar sends you a link to the online registration system. Conant's registration line is 847-755-3626, Fremd's is 847-755-2628. We could not reach the Schaumburg High School enrollment page, so call the school directly: 847-755-4600.
- **Documents to upload:** the original birth certificate, proof of residency (a current property tax bill, an electric or gas bill with the payment stub, or a current signed lease) and a current physical on the form the school approves. If you live in someone else's home you can call the school for an appointment.
- **The enrollment meeting:** once the documents are complete there is a meeting covering placement tests, the English language exam and the course schedule.
- **Transferring from outside the United States:** an unofficial translated transcript including course descriptions, health records (physical and all immunizations) and ACCESS language test results if you have them. Have the English translations of report cards and transcripts from Türkiye prepared in advance, with short descriptions beside the course names.
- **The birth certificate deadline:** the district's policy summary mentions submitting the birth certificate within the first 30 days. We could not fully verify that on the district's own page, so ask the registrar. The district's 2026-27 registration guide sits behind a page closed to automated access and the registration information page still shows 2025-26, so confirm current dates with the school.
- **A link between the two districts:** after grade 7 a child's language test results (WIDA Screener, ACCESS) transfer to District 211, so language support does not start from scratch at high school.
- **Getting there without a car:** the village's DART dial-a-ride serves Conant High School, Hoffman Estates High School and the District 211 Higgins Education Center, so you can reach the registration appointment without driving. Call 847-352-8097 at least 90 minutes ahead; the fare is \$4.00 in exact cash and there is no weekend service.

5. Is there Turkish-language support?

No, and it would be wrong to make it sound better than it is. The translation menu on the District 54 site offers 25 languages including Farsi, Uzbek, Russian, Ukrainian and Arabic; **Turkish is not on that list** and we found no Turkish registration form. The district's bilingual programs are Spanish and Japanese dual language and Chinese immersion, all open to everyone, but there is no Turkish program. A Turkish-speaking child normally receives English language development (ELD) support: it is usually delivered at their own school by an EL resource teacher coming into the classroom, with an ELD report uploaded to the Parent Portal every

three months. If you need an interpreter at the registration appointment, ask in advance; we could not verify whether the school provides one.

Phone numbers

SUBJECT	OFFICE AND PHONE
District 54 registration	524 E. Schaumburg Rd. · 847-357-5103 · switchboard 847-357-5000
District 211	Higgins Education Center, 1750 S. Roselle Rd., Palatine · 847-755-6600 · Conant registration 847-755-3626 · Fremd 847-755-2628 · Schaumburg High School 847-755-4600
Childhood immunizations	The village does not give vaccines; its nursing division refers families to the clinic at Hoffman Estates Village Hall (1900 Hassell Rd., 847-781-4850) · ages 2 months to 18, by appointment, \$20 per vaccine and free with Medicaid · the clinic says it is open to all communities
DART dial-a-ride (getting to school)	847-352-8097 · at least 90 minutes ahead · \$4.00 cash, \$2.00 reduced · weekdays 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., no weekend service
Village Police Social Services	847-348-7396 or 311 · five licensed social workers · the page says there is no fee for this service

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- 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. Illinois wrote that into its own law through Public Act 104-0288, effective January 1, 2026.
- The Illinois State Board of Education guidance of August 2026 says districts may not ask about immigration status. If an official insists on an SSN or an immigration document, show them [that guidance](#).
- Two things are specific to Schaumburg. First the document pattern: District 54 asks for one plus two proofs of residence, so alongside your lease you need two bills or pay stubs in your name. Second the birth certificate: both districts want the original sealed document and a hospital certificate is not accepted.
- The District 54 parent liaison covers everything from the food pantry to after-school care at that first appointment; asking for the meeting is free and no one asks about immigration status.



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