

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · SCRANTON

Scranton School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Scranton School District)

Enrollment steps, documents, English-language support and rights for immigrant families.

SHORT ANSWER

To enroll a child in the Scranton School District, a document proving the child's age (a passport counts), two separate current proofs of residency, and immunization records are enough. Under the Pennsylvania Department of Education's enrollment guidance, schools may not ask for or require an SSN, and admission cannot be tied to immigration status. Enrollment is online through the Infinite Campus portal; Central Registration is at 425 N. Washington Avenue. Confirm current details with the district before you go.

Step by step

- 1 Identify your assigned school.** The district's registration page (scrsd.org/departments/registration) starts with a link for finding your school by address.
- 2 Enroll through the online portal.** The district takes K-12 enrollment through its Infinite Campus online registration portal; registration for 2026-27 opened June 1, 2026, and the window will differ in later years. Registration instructions are available in English, Spanish, Swahili, Gujarati and Nepali, but not Turkish.
- 3 Gather your documents and upload them, or bring them to Central Registration:** 425 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 · (570) 348-3400 · central.registration@ssdedu.org
- 4 If a language other than English is spoken at home, see the district's "ELD Portal"** (English Language Development) page or ask the registration office.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Evidence of the child's age (one is enough)	A birth certificate or notarized copy, a valid passport, a baptismal certificate, a prior school record, a hospital record, or a notarized statement from a parent or relative
☐ Two separate current proofs of residency	A deed, lease, mortgage statement, utility, internet or credit card bill (no more than 3 months old), tax bill, insurance document, or federal or state government mail from the past 3 months; two are required
☐ Immunization record	Records from a doctor, a written statement from the former school (if records will follow), or an International Health Certificate

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☐ Custody or guardianship papers, if applicable	If you are not the parent, legal documentation of guardianship, or a sworn statement of full residential support, is required: (570) 348-3400 ext. 1

No Social Security number appears on this list. Under the Pennsylvania Department of Education's September 22, 2026 enrollment guidance, schools may not ask for or require an SSN, and a child's admission cannot be tied to immigration status.

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- Under the 1982 Plyler v. Doe ruling, every child living in the U.S. may attend public school regardless of the child's or family's immigration status.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Education states that schools may not require an SSN or make admission depend on immigration status. If a staff member insists, show them the "Enrollment of Students" guidance.

Age rules and early childhood options

The kindergarten age cutoff could not be confirmed as of this guide's publication date; confirm the current age requirement with the district before enrolling. Preschool and Head Start applications go through ACE of NEPA (acenepa.org), not the school district; they ask for the child's birth certificate and proof of household income (pay stubs, a W-2, SNAP or SSI, for example), and Head Start staff will say what else is needed.

Bilingual support

The district site has an "ELD Portal" page for English learner families. For placement steps and interpreter options, see scrsd.org/departments/registration or call Central Registration at (570) 348-3400.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Have your child's Turkish birth certificate and vaccination record translated into English and bring them to enrollment; not having an SSN will not delay enrollment.

Confirm district-specific details (document list, age rules, enrollment hours) at scrsd.org/departments/registration before you go. Information as of September 29, 2026.



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