

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · SEATTLE

Seattle School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Seattle Public Schools)

Online enrollment at a neighborhood school, documents, the immunization rule, language support and the rights of immigrant families.

SHORT ANSWER

No SSN is needed to enroll in Seattle Public Schools: it is not on the district's document list, and state rules bar districts from requiring one or asking about immigration status. Enrollment is online and children are assigned to a neighborhood school by address. What you bring: a parent photo ID or passport, **two proofs of address dated within the past eight weeks**, and the child's immunization record. For kindergarten the child must turn 5 by August 31.

Step by step

- 1 **Start the online enrollment.** New students enroll through the [district website](#), with forms in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Somali. The Enrollment Team helps in English, Spanish, Chinese, Amharic, Oromo, Somali and Vietnamese. Turkish is not listed.
- 2 **Gather documents** (checklist below).
- 3 **Find your school.** Students are assigned to their attendance-area school by address; type yours into the [Find Your Neighborhood School](#) tool.
- 4 **Complete the Home Language Survey.** If a language other than English is the first or most-used one at home, your child takes a language screener within 10 days of starting school. If the scores fall below the threshold, the child is eligible for multilingual learner services; the family may accept or waive them.
- 5 **No fixed address?** Families without stable housing enroll without address verification, and the file goes to the district's McKinney-Vento department.

Enrollment office: Enrollment Services, John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence, 2445 3rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98134 · 206-252-0000. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed every third Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Parent or guardian photo ID or passport	

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☐ Two proofs of address dated within the past eight weeks	A utility or cable bill, a mortgage statement, rental insurance, or papers from a public agency such as the courts or DSHS. A recent lease counts if you include the first page and the last signature page. Envelopes and junk mail do not count
☐ Certificate of Immunization Status or Certificate of Exemption	
☐ Proof of age	Only for kindergarten, 1st grade and special-education preschool: a birth certificate, hospital records or a passport

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The immunization rule

- A signed immunization certificate or exemption form is due on or before the first day. Kindergarten through grade 6: hepatitis B 3 doses, DTaP 5, polio 4, MMR 2 and varicella 2. Grades 7 to 12 add a Tdap. The number of doses can be lower depending on the child's age.
- **Records from abroad are accepted:** a record verified by a doctor or clinic, a health ministry, an immigration office or another official source is fine even if it is in a language other than English.
- A child with missing doses can start under conditional status: the doses due that day must be given and the rest completed within 30 calendar days of the first day. A personal or philosophical exemption cannot be used for MMR.
- Immunization line 206-252-0757, immunizations@seattleschools.org.

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- According to OSPI, the state education agency, public schools may not deny admission because a child is undocumented, may not require a parent or student to disclose or document immigration status, and may not require Social Security numbers from all students.
- If a staff member insists, show them the [OSPI page](#) and put your request to the district in writing.

School calendar and compulsory age

For 2026-27, classes began Wednesday, September 2, 2026 for grades 1 to 12 and Tuesday, September 8, 2026 for preschool and kindergarten. After the first week, every Wednesday is an early release day. You can enroll at any time during the year. Compulsory attendance in Washington runs from age 8 to under 18.

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 things up. On the day you move in, put two proofs of address in a folder; both must be dated within the past eight weeks, which makes your electricity bill and your lease the easiest pair.

Confirm district details before you go at seattleschools.org/enroll. Information as of October 1, 2026.



TURKISH-SPEAKING IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY IN SEATTLE

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