

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · VIRGINIA BEACH

Virginia Beach School Enrollment Guide 2026 (Virginia Beach City Public Schools)

Online registration, required documents, the International Welcome Center, and immigrant family rights.

SHORT ANSWER

Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) enrollment has two steps: fill out the online registration form (an active ParentVUE account is required), then call your zoned school for an appointment to finish. Required documents: two proofs of residence, a birth certificate (or birth affidavit), immunization records, and, for elementary school, a physical exam report. No Social Security number or immigration document appears on the list. Families new to English can be referred to the International Welcome Center on Carriage Hill Road.

Where to start

- Start with the online registration form. It requires an active ParentVUE account (create one under "More Options > Create a New Account"). Online registration is for new students, but you must still make an appointment with the school to finish.
- Find your zoned school with the school locator on the VBCPS site, then call that school's registrar for an appointment.
- A parent or legal guardian must accompany the student.
- Registration questions: your school registrar or the Office of Student Leadership, 757-263-2020. ParentVUE problems: 757-263-1111.

Step by step

- 1 Find your zoned school (vbschools.com school locator).
- 2 Create a ParentVUE account and fill out the online registration form.
- 3 Gather your documents (checklist below).
- 4 Call the school to book an appointment; the student and a parent attend in person.

Document checklist

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Two proofs of residence	A lease or mortgage statement plus a current gas, electric, or water bill. Handwritten leases, or leases not secured through a licensed agency, must be notarized.
☐ Birth certificate	A certified birth certificate or a birth affidavit for a student entering public school for the first time.
☐ Immunization records	Required for all entering students. Conditional admission is possible with at least one dose and a completion schedule; notarized religious exemptions or medical exemptions are available.
☐ Physical exam	A physical exam report from within 12 months before entering kindergarten/elementary (required for elementary only).
☐ Parent	A parent or legal guardian must come with the student.

No Social Security number appears on this list. Bringing foreign-language documents with an English translation makes things easier; confirm with the school.

Immunization requirements in brief

On the VBCPS registration page, entering students need DPT (4 doses), polio (4), measles (2 for K-12), Hepatitis A (2 for K-3), Hepatitis B (3), varicella (2), MenACWY before 7th grade and again at 12th grade, and Tdap for certain grades. The list can change each year; confirm with the school registrar. Student Health Services: 757-263-2025.

If you live with someone else

If the lease or utility bill is not in your name, VBCPS has a **Shared Housing Disclosure Form**, completed every year when a parent lives with a Virginia Beach legal resident who is not the leaseholder or owner. Families without a permanent address can also enroll under McKinney-Vento. Ask the school registrar or see vbschools.com/families/registration/shared-housing.

YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY

- Code of Virginia § 22.1-287.03 bars the school division from requiring a student's or parent's Social Security number.
- Code of Virginia § 22.1-2.2 bars schools from excluding a child, or requesting immigration documents, based on the actual or perceived immigration status of the child or the parents (except where state or federal law requires documents).
- The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health (4452 Corporation Lane, 757-518-2700) gives required childhood immunizations from birth to age 19 by appointment; fees are free, flat, or sliding-scale by income. A passport/visa or immigration record is accepted as ID; an SSN card is only one of many options.

International Welcome Center (IWC)

For English learners, VBCPS runs the International Welcome Center: 641 Carriage Hill Rd, Suite 233, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 · 757-263-2096 · iwc@vbschools.com. The IWC helps families with registration, schedules the WIDA English screener, reviews foreign transcripts for high school course placement, and connects families to community resources. The process usually starts at your zoned school, which refers you to the IWC if needed.

Age rule

For kindergarten, a child must turn 5 by September 30; this age cutoff is set directly by Virginia law. For kindergarten program questions: VBCPS Department of School Leadership, 757-263-1088.



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