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School Enrollment in West Lafayette: One District, One Memorandum, 2026

There is one district with three schools, but whether the address falls inside its boundary is decisive here. Find that out before you sign a lease.

SHORT ANSWER

The district is the **West Lafayette Community School Corporation** and it has three schools: **West Lafayette Elementary School, West Lafayette Intermediate School and West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School**. Good news and a tension arrive together. The good news: the district states on its own page that **more than twenty-five languages** are represented in its English learner program, so a Turkish-speaking child will not be the first. The tension: **the district requires legal settlement** and verifies whether the address falls inside its boundaries. On numbers the statewide answer is clear and in writing: **the absence of a Social Security card, proof of address or a birth certificate, an inability to speak English, and undocumented status are not grounds to refuse enrollment**. The one real limit is immunizations, and there **enrollment and attendance part company**.

The address first: in this city that answer comes before the lease

The district's own board document says it **does not accept transfers of students without legal settlement in the district** and that it verifies Indiana residence; in transfer applications, priority goes to students with a household member already enrolled or whose parent works in the district. **So whether the address is inside the district boundary is decisive here**, and that is a question to ask while you are still choosing a flat. Changing it after you sign means a transfer application. The administration center is at 3061 Benton St. and the number is **765-746-1602**.

The tension: what the district asks for and what the state writes

What the state writes is a higher authority and it points the other way. The memorandum sent to principals by the state education department's attendance officer lists, one by one, the grounds on which enrollment may not be refused, and it says in these words that **state law does not require any document with an address as a prerequisite to enrollment**. A school may ask for documents to determine legal settlement, **but if the parent cannot produce them a child cannot be denied attendance for that reason alone**. **We take no side, but we state the hierarchy**: the state memorandum is the higher source. Our practical advice: **take as many of the district's documents as you can, but do not postpone enrollment because something is missing**. If you are turned away, point out that the memorandum was written for exactly this situation and that you can take it to the state attendance officer.

Grounds that cannot be used to refuse, from the state's own memorandum

GROUND	WHAT THE MEMORANDUM SAYS
No rental receipts, mortgage document, driver's license, Social Security card or lease	State law requires no document with an address as a prerequisite to enrollment. A school may ask for documents to determine legal settlement, but a child cannot be denied attendance for that reason alone
Being undocumented, not being a citizen	If the child intends to remain in Indiana for at least thirty days , enrollment must be immediate, without regard to legal domicile ; the memorandum cites a 1982 Supreme Court decision
Not speaking English	Likewise in writing, resting on another Supreme Court decision
No birth certificate	A school may ask for a certified copy or other reliable proof of date of birth; if it is not produced within thirty days the school notifies the state clearinghouse for missing children. That notification is routine, not an accusation , and the child is not removed from the roll
No stable residence, moving mid-year, living with a relative, arriving late in the term	All on the memorandum's list. Where the parent's signature cannot be obtained, a third-party custodial agreement completed by the caregiver may be accepted

THE ONE REAL LIMIT IS IMMUNIZATIONS, AND ENROLLMENT IS NOT ATTENDANCE

- The memorandum's own sentence is that children must be enrolled **whether or not they have the required immunizations**.
- But where they do not and the school refuses the statutorily allowed **twenty-day waiver**, the child **may not attend beyond the first day of school**.
- So **enrollment must happen in every case; attendance need not**. That distinction is the most useful sentence in this guide: enroll the child and close the immunization gap in parallel.
- **Bring your child's immunization record from Türkiye** and, if you can, have it translated into English before you travel.

Language support: more than twenty-five languages, and writing Turkish on the survey

The district states on its own page that **more than twenty-five languages** are represented in its English learner program; it sets out the program's standards in a handbook given to parents each year and links to language assessment family resources and to the state education department's resources for English learners. **The district also publishes its program staff by name on its own page**, so your contact is a named person rather than an anonymous office; take the list from the district's own page. Among the five settlements in this guide, that is the most concrete gain on the language side.

The mechanism is the same statewide and this is where to use it: a **home language survey** is completed once at enrollment and stays in the student's file. Where a language other than English is indicated, the student is given a placement screener and English learner status is determined **within thirty calendar days**.

If you move to another school inside Indiana, the survey travels with the student. **Leaving Turkish off that survey deprives your child of support.**

An honest gap

We could not verify, from the district's own pages, its list of enrollment documents, its immunization requirements or whether it asks for a number at enrollment. We do not say there are none; the research could not reach those pages in this round. So this guide gives you no document list; **take the list from the district's own enrollment page** and confirm it with the central office.

- 1 Find out first whether the address is inside the district boundary.** Legal settlement is decisive in this city and this question is asked **before** you sign.
- 2 Pack the bag:** the child's passport, a birth certificate and its translation if you have them, the immunization record, whatever proof of address you hold (a lease or dorm contract works) and the previous school's report if there is one. **Things will be missing and that is normal.**
- 3 Enroll, then close the gaps.** Enrollment must happen in every case; the limit on attendance is immunizations.
- 4 Write Turkish on the home language survey.** Language support flows from that survey and status is determined within thirty calendar days.
- 5 Note the name of the program staff member.** The district publishes the list; knowing your contact's name makes the next parent meeting easier.
- 6 Ask for an interpreter at enrollment, in writing.** More than twenty-five languages are represented in this district, but that is not a guarantee of a Turkish interpreter.
- 7 Get the library card the same week.** There, even a dorm contract counts as proof of address, and the card opens other doors for your family.



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