

Frequently Asked Questions:

Required immunizations to enroll

LAUSD and Los Angeles County Health Department regulations require that complete health and immunization records for incoming kindergarteners and students new to the district must be presented in written form and authorized or signed by a public health clinic, health care provider or private doctor before a student can begin attending classes. The health records should be brought when parents come to pre-register their children for the new school year. There is no grace period: all immunizations must be up to date before a youngster can attend school. For additional details, see our "back to school" news release. Parents with additional questions may contact the school or call School Nursing Services, (213) 763-8374.

...enroll my child?

After determining your school of residence, register your child at the school. You must show proof of the child's age (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, etc.) and proof of residence address, such as a utility bill. See our "back to school" news release.

Neighborhood school for my home

Every residential street address in the LAUSD is within the attendance boundaries of an elementary school, a middle school and a high school. You can obtain the names, addresses and phone numbers of those schools on-line (www.lausd.net) through our School Finder (<http://search.lausd.k12.ca.us/cgi-bin/fccgi.exe?w3exec=schfinder0>). If you have problems, call the school locator information line at (213) 241-KIDS (241-5437).

The Open Enrollment Program

This program allows parents to apply for designated "open enrollment" seats at specified campuses. In recent years, the number of available seats has declined steadily as the district's overall enrollment increased. The application process typically occurs during May for the following school year. A list of the schools with open enrollment seats is usually available in the main office of any school, beginning in late April or early May. There is no limit on the number of schools to which a parent may apply for open enrollment. If the number of applications received at a school is less than the number of available seats, all the students who applied are invited to enroll. If the applications are greater than the number of seats, a drawing is held to determine the students given seats. Schools that still have space available after the deadline usually will be able to register open enrollment students up to the second Friday of the school calendar for that campus. For background information, see our fact sheets about open enrollment application.

...enroll in a different school?

There are several options for enrollment in schools away from your home attendance area: * Magnet schools and magnet centers; * Permits With Transportation (PWT); * Open enrollment. Other types of permits may be available in special circumstances if the desired school has available classroom seats. Such permits could include: * sibling permit (to enroll in a school where a brother or sister is already enrolled); * child care permit (to enroll in a school that serves the attendance area address where a younger student is cared for every day after school hours by a known child care agency or private organization or a verifiable child care provider); * intra-district and inter-district parent employment-related transfer permit (to enroll in a school that serves the attendance area address where the child's parent is regularly employed). For additional information, call the district's Permits and Student Transfers Office (213) 745-1960.

...enroll in a magnet program or school

Applications for magnet schools and centers and the PWT program typically are mailed to the homes of district students in December. Application brochures are also available at any LAUSD school, City of Los Angeles public libraries and some L.A. County public libraries within the LAUSD. The application deadline is typically late January for enrollment the following fall. Parents are typically notified in April or May as to whether their children were accepted or are on a waiting list. Most children accepted for magnet schools/centers are provided with transportation. For background information, see our fact sheets about magnet school application.

Federal Breakfast and Lunch Program

Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program: LAUSD participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Meals are served to students every school day. The household size and income criteria are used to determine a student's eligibility for free, reduced-price or full-price benefits. A copy of the policy is available in the Food Services Office and may be reviewed by any interested party.

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