



It's time for school!

Every child in the U.S., regardless of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, language, or immigration status, **has the right to receive a free public education.** Federal law provides several protections for students and parents to ensure that children are able to attend school and fully participate.

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What documents and information do I need to register my child for school?

To enroll your children in school, you must:

Prove your child's age and identity. To prove your child's age and identity you can present a birth certificate or any one of the following with an explanation of why you cannot provide a birth certificate: a baptismal certificate, an application for social security number, or your child's school registration records from a previous school.

Provide proof of residence within the school district every year (new requirement). You can prove your residence with a utility bill, a rent bill or other document that has your name and address showing that you live within the boundaries of the school district. If you apply for open enrollment, you must provide proof of your residence in your home school district.

If you or your children are homeless or do not have a permanent address or if you or your children are living with family members or friends: There are special protections for children and families who are homeless or do not have a permanent residence under a law called the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. If you or your children qualify under this act, you do not have to provide proof of residence. Check with your child's school if you think this law applies to you.

If you are living with family or friends you must provide a notarized affidavit from them stating that you and your child live with them and proof of their residence such as a utility bill, rental agreement, etc.

Most school districts require a parent or legal guardian to provide proof of identity such as photo identification, as well as your child's immunization records, emergency contact information and records from the child's previous school.

Some schools may ask for your child's social security number or your social security number, *but you do not have to provide this information if you cannot or wish not to.*

You DO NOT have to provide information about your immigration status in order to enroll your child in school.

You can find out more about the requirements of your school district by calling the school directly or visiting <http://www.ade.az.gov/schools/schools/districts.asp>.

For additional resources on school enrollment or if you have trouble registering your child for school, visit www.acluaz.org/school-enrollment.