

## Enrolling Your Child in School

“Enrolling Your Child in School” is the first topic in the English Learner Family Tool Kit. This tool kit is meant to support families of English learners (ELs) in the U.S. education system. Each topic has five parts: (1) Overview, (2) Family and Student Rights, (3) Questions to Ask School Staff, (4) Tips, and (5) Resources. Information varies for each topic, though some information may be repeated.

### RESOURCES

Adult Learning Resource Center. (2012). Enrolling in school. In *A Guide to Your Children’s Schools: A Parent Handbook*, pp. 4-6. Des Moines, IL: Illinois State Board of Education.

Retrieved from <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/PGuide-english.pdf>

This is a guide developed by the state of Illinois to help parents learn how to enroll their child in school. There are some items that are specific to the state, like specific documents needed for proof of residence, but some of the information is more general.

iColorín Colorado! (no date). School Registration: ELLs and Immigrant Students. Retrieved from <http://www.colorincolorado.org/school-support/school-registration-ells-and-immigrant-students>.

This web page is a compilation of resources, including video and fact sheets, to help parents of English learner and/or immigrant students register or enroll their children in school.

Education Law Center. (2012). *How to Enroll a Child in Public School*. Philadelphia, PA: Author. Retrieved from [https://www.elc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ELC\\_SchoolEnrollmentGuide\\_Aug2012.pdf](https://www.elc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ELC_SchoolEnrollmentGuide_Aug2012.pdf)

This is a guide developed by a nonprofit in Pennsylvania to help parents navigate enrollment in school. Some of the information is specific to Pennsylvania, but some of the information is more general.

Refugee Center Online. (2018). “Public School in the USA.” Retrieved from <https://therefugeecenter.org/resources/public-school/>

This web page is meant to help new arrivals navigate the public school system, and includes questions and answers about enrollment.

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. (2014). “Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of all Children to Enroll in School.” Washington, DC: Authors. <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plylerfact.pdf>

This fact sheet outlines the rights of all children residing in the United States to enroll in school, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

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