

Fall 2020 Enrollment & Transfer FAQ

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Бобровник по телефону 503-916-3205

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Q: We are thinking of enrolling our child in a virtual school outside of PPS this fall. Can we come back to our PPS school at any time?

A: Every PPS school is committed to each child having a successful school experience this year. We hope you will allow your child's principal and teacher(s) the opportunity to provide more virtual school details and answers to your questions once they return from summer break. If you do choose to unenroll from PPS, here are the rules for re-entry:

- Students retain the right to re-enroll at their neighborhood schools with proof of address.
- Students seeking to re-enroll at a transfer school, including focus option and immersion programs, must apply for re-entry:
 - Application is through the lottery or petition process, depending on grade level and time of request.
 - Approval is based on space availability and priorities listed in [PPS policy](#)
 - Students who are requesting return to the schools/programs they attended last year have preference over other requests.
 - Students who were accepted to a transfer school for 2020-21 but did not enrollment will not receive preference over other students when re-applying for the same programs
 - Students applying for return to Dual Language Immersion programs may need to successfully complete a language assessment screening.

Q: My child is 5 years old this year. If we choose not to enroll them in kindergarten, do they have to go to kindergarten next year or can they enroll in first grade?

A: State law does not require Oregon students to enroll in kindergarten. Therefore, your child may enroll in either kindergarten or 1st grade next year. When making your choice, please consider:

- Research shows that kindergarten provides a vital foundation for student success, so we strongly encourage you not to skip this opportunity.
- Enrolling in kindergarten this year means your child will continue through school at the same age as most grade-level peers, which may be important for positive socio-emotional development.

Q: We moved over the summer. Can my child continue in the PPS school she attended last year or does she have to go to her new neighborhood school.

A: PPS policy and State law allow students who move over the summer to remain enrolled in their former school through the highest grade. Keep in mind that:

- Students retain the right to enroll at their new neighborhood school.
- Families must petition for younger siblings to attend with their older brothers and sisters. Approval is subject to space availability.
- Families who move out of the PPS districts will receive information about obtaining permission from their new home district for their students to remain in PPS for the 2021-22 school year.

Q: We were planning to have our child attend a transfer school next year, but are now considering enrolling in our neighborhood school instead. What is the process?

A: We encourage every family to talk with their transfer school principal before choosing a return to their neighborhood school. All transfers back to neighborhood schools require a hardship petition application, and will be approved through September 11. After that date, requests may be denied due to class-size limitations.

Q: We are looking at other virtual schools, but would like our child to stay in their PPS school for a couple of classes. How does this work?

A: Students enrolled in private or home schools may enroll up to half time at their neighborhood school with consent of the principal. Please note that students who are enrolled in Oregon Virtual Charters or public schools in other districts would have to pay tuition to take part-time classes at their neighborhood school, because state funds do not follow part-time students.

Q: We are planning to move soon. How do we get enrolled in our new school?

A: If your child will be new to PPS, you can start the registration process online at <https://www.pps.net/Page/2899>. Please note you will need to provide two recent pieces of proof of your new address, such as a lease/mortgage statement and utility bill. You may enroll in your new school up to 45 days before your move-in date, so long as you have provided proof of your move.

Additional scenarios:

- If your child is already attending a PPS neighborhood school, start the process by providing two recent pieces of proof of residency to the school secretary at either school.
- If your child is enrolled in a PPS focus option or dual language immersion program, file a petition transfer request at <https://pps.schoolmint.net/>, and email two recent pieces of proof of residency to enrollment-office@pps.net.

Q: I want to enroll my child, but we had to move in with friends and don't know how long we will be here. What should we do?

A: Families who are experiencing housing instability have the right to enroll at the neighborhood school of their current address, and do not need to provide standard proof of residency. Keep in mind that you also have the right to have your child remain at their last

school. Contact the McKinney-Vento team at 503-916-5770 to find out if you qualify and how they can assist your family with technology and other school supports.