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Enrolling Your Child in School

All children living in Pennsylvania have the right to a free, public school education. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania operates public elementary, middle and high schools. Children begin Kindergarten at age 5 and are enrolled in school through the 12th grade and generally graduate at the age of 18. In Pennsylvania, attendance at school is compulsory for children ages 8 to 17.

Enrollment

To enroll your child in school, you will need the following:

- Proof of the child's age
- Proof of address
- Immunization records *in English*

For more information on how to enroll your child in school, please visit the following sites.

- *How to Enroll a Child in Public School* from the Education Law Center:
www.elc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ELC_SchoolEnrollmentGuide_Aug2012.pdf

Learn about the Options

In Pittsburgh you will also find public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools and faith-based schools. Some of these schools may require tuition.

- For more information on Pittsburgh public schools, please visit: www.pps.k12.pa.us
- For more information on private institutions, please visit: www.paista.org
- For information on a few faith-based schools, please visit: www.diopitt.org/why-catholic-schools

Immunizations

In order to enroll your children in school, you must show that they have received the required immunizations. You can learn about the required immunizations on the Pittsburgh Public School's website: www.pps.k12.pa.us/Page/388.

If your child will need to receive immunizations, please consider the County Health Department's Clinic as a service point: www.achd.net/infectcd/clinic.html