



Polk County Schools Entrance Requirements 2017-2018

Entrance Requirements POSTER Rev 5-2017

	Pre-K	K	1 st	Out of State Transfers For 1 st Time	Out of State Transfers Not 1 st Time	Out of County But In State Transfers	In County Private or Public Transfers
1. Legal certificate of birth date which shows parents' names or proof of age acceptable under Florida Law <i>(See #1 below)</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2. Physical Examination within 12 months of registration completion needed at K or at 1 st entrance to Florida Schools <i>(See #2 below)</i>	X	X		X	*See #2	*See #2	*See #2
3. Florida Certificate of Immunization (form DH 680) <i>(See #3 below)</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. Two proofs of residency <i>(See #4 below)</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Withdrawal and transfer form from the school student had been attending <i>(See #5 below)</i>							X
6. Must be 5 years old on or before September 1 st of the school year. There is no early entry.		X					
7. Child must be 6 years old on or before September 1 of the school year. Student has completed Kindergarten. Student may be admitted any time during the school year.			X				

1. EVIDENCE OF DATE OF BIRTH REQUIRED

If the first prescribed evidence is not available, the next evidence obtainable in the order below may be accepted.

- (1) A transcript of birth record filed according to law;
- (2) A certificate of baptism showing the date of birth and place of baptism signed by the parent;
- (3) An life insurance policy on the child (at least 2 years old);
- (4) A Bible record of the child's birth accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the parent;
- (5) A passport or certificate of arrival in the United States showing the age of the child;
- (6) A transcript of record of age shown in the child's school records (at least 4 years prior to application);
- (7) If none of these evidences can be produced, an affidavit of age sworn to by the parent, accompanied by a certificate of age signed by a public health officer or by a public school physician, or, if neither of these is available in the county, a licensed practicing physician designated by the school board, may issue a certificate stating that the health officer or physician has examined the child and believes that the age as stated in the affidavit is correct.

2. PHYSICALS

Physicals are required only on first entrance into a Florida school, **unless** first entrance was PreK, **or** the hard copy of the physical cannot be located. Physicals completed out of county or state, are acceptable. A physical form, which contains body systems assessment as well as the physician's signature, is required. If document is questionable, please refer to your school nurse. **The hard copy of the physical must be sent from the previous school. If it is not obtained after sending for records, a new physical is required.**

3. IMMUNIZATIONS

Religious Exemption from Immunization (form DH 681) must be obtained at a Health Department clinic. **Electronic transfer of immunization dates may be used; however, all immunization dates must be transferred. A notation that there is a certificate of immunization is not acceptable.** Students may enter school on Temporary Medical Exemption (form DH 680, Part B), (DOE code 2), provided expiration date has not passed. **Students that are not in compliance with immunization laws are not allowed to attend school.**

4. PROOF OF RESIDENCY

TWO proofs of residency. Each proof **MUST** include the name and current physical address. Post office boxes, private mail box addresses or commercial establishment addresses are insufficient.

- Apartment rent receipt or home lease agreement, mortgage document, or property tax record
- Current utility bill (electric, gas, water), cable, home or cell phone bill
- Current Voter registration document, State of Florida Identification card
- Proof of current government benefits (disability, Medicare, food stamps, Department of Children and Families (DCF) correspondence)
- Current Florida drivers license, automobile registration, automobile insurance

5. WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFER

Withdrawal and transfer form from the school the student last attended. The form should include name, address, phone number and fax number of that school.

HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

All home schooled students that participate in public school academic or athletic events must comply with the Polk County Schools entrance requirements.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

Homeless students are students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night- time residence and include students that: (1) live with another family or in a hotel due to economic need (2) live in a shelter or (3) live on the street. These students may not be able to currently meet entrance requirements and should be enrolled while obtaining required documents. Call Dee Dee Wright at 534-0801 for assistance.

Collecting Social Security Numbers

Florida Statute 1008.386 says, "Each district school board shall request that each student enrolled in a public school in this state provide his or her social security number." In accordance with law, the school district uses Confidential social security information for a number of important reasons like making accurate student identification, for college transcripts, and other legitimate state and federal educational programs, including but not limited to free and reduced lunch programs, health department programs, Medicaid/Medicare, grants, and financial aid opportunities. Presenting a student's social security card or a copy of the card to school enrollment officials satisfies this request. To protect student's identification, the school district takes reasonable and appropriated steps to secure social security numbers from unauthorized access and unlawful release to unauthorized parties. **A student is not required to provide his or her social security number as a condition for enrollment or graduation.**