



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Student Enrollment

Enrolling in Public School

Enrolling a child in an Arkansas public school is addressed in Arkansas law and in the Arkansas Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools.

According to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-208:

(a) Before a child's admission to an Arkansas public school, a school district shall request the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control, or person standing in loco parentis to furnish the child's social security number and shall inform the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis that, in the alternative, the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis may request that the school district assign the child a nine-digit number designated by the Department of Education.

(b) Before a child's admission to Arkansas public school, the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis shall provide the school district with one

(1) of the following documents indicating the child's age:

- (1) A birth certificate;
- (2) A statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the child's date of birth;
- (3) An attested baptismal certificate;
- (4) A passport;
- (5) An affidavit of the date and place of birth by the child's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis;
- (6) Previous school records; or
- (7) A United States military identification.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their local school district superintendent's office for specific information concerning required enrollment documents.

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