

WTHS District 121 Registration

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who can register a child for school?

To register a child for school, you must live in the household with the child, have primary responsibility for the child and be one of the following:

- Parent (natural or adoptive). Step-parents may not register a child for school
- A legal guardian with a court-issued guardianship order
- A foster parent with proof of student placement from DCFS

Do I have to notify the previous school that my child is leaving his or her district?

Yes, you must withdraw from your previous school in order to transfer your student's records to Warren.

Why do I have to get proof of residency before my child starts school?

Our intent in verifying residency is to ensure that we are in compliance with state law and district policies and to fulfill our obligation to District 121 taxpayers that we allocate resources to educate all eligible students who legally reside within district boundaries.

I just moved and I haven't yet received any bills and I have not changed my driver's license/state ID to my new address yet. What can I provide to complete the residency requirements?

If you have just moved, you can create an online account with a utility company or your renter's/homeowner's insurance company and take a picture or screenshot of your account.. This must include your name, your new address and utility/insurance company name. We will also accept an email from a utility company (Welcome Letter) that states you have set up service with that utility at your new address provided the letter includes: your name, the service address and the company name.

How do I request my student's records from their previous school?

The registrar will use the records release form you completed during your online registration to request your student's records.

When does my child get to pick classes?

Registration will only be considered complete if:

1. your residency has been verified by the District
2. all online registration forms are completed
3. previous school records have been received and reviewed by our counselors.

Once your registration is complete, we will contact you to set up an appointment with your student's counselor.

What is an ISBE form (or Good Standing form) and where do I get it?

ISBE stands for Illinois State Board of Education and the form is provided by the previous school. All public school districts are required to provide this form to any student who is moving out of the school district to verify whether or not the student is "in good standing" and whether or not their medical records are up-to-date and complete. "In good standing" means that the student is not being disciplined by an out-of-school suspension or expulsion, and is entitled to attend classes, as of the date of the ISBE form. No public school district is required to admit a new student unless they can produce the ISBE form from the student's previous Illinois public school district.

Will my child get a tour of the building? Does a parent/guardian need to be present?

A tour of the building may be done during your appointment with your counselor. Yes, a parent or guardian must accompany the student.

Why is the school asking for court documents for custody agreements or guardianship?

If someone other than the parent on the child's birth certificate is registering the student, we will ask for a court document showing proof of guardianship along with guardianship affidavits.

If the parents are separated or divorced, please ensure the school has a copy of the complete, current *Allocation of Parental Responsibilities and Parenting Plan*. Please note; without a court document stating otherwise, both parents have equal rights to the custody and records of their children.

When will I get busing information for my child and how long does it take to get it? How will I know what bus stop it is? Does every student get a bus? Am I responsible to take my child before the busing information is given?

Complete bus stop information with times of pick-up and drop-off will be on your student's schedule. If you live within a 1.5 mile radius of the campus your child is attending, that is generally considered a "walk" zone. You are required to provide transportation for your child until the bus is in place.

My child wants to try out for a sport and we are not registered yet. What has to happen before my child can try out for a sport?

Your child must be completely registered and have a completed physical (9th) and/or sports physical (10th-12th) on file dated within the past year in order to try out for a sport.

Can I use a wallet-size birth abstract, the hospital record of birth, a copy of a passport, or do I need the certified birth certificate when I register my child?

No, you will need the certified birth certificate.

Will my child's credits from the previous school transfer to Warren?

This will be determined at the time of the counselor appointment. However, most credits do transfer.

My child was scheduled to attend the Lake County Technical Campus at his/her previous school. Can my child also attend the Lake County Technical Campus through Warren?

If a slot is available, then yes. We will put you in contact with our Technology Campus advisor when your student registers. Tech Campus is only available for 11th and 12th grade students.

Can my child start school before my lease or mortgage contract's effective date?

No, your child may not start school until the legal effective move-in date or until you have closed on your home.

My child is anxious about transferring to a new school. Will there be support and programs for new students to make this an easier transition?

Yes, we have a *new student mentor group* your student can join. We have many other groups and activities available.

Can my child choose classes if we don't have physical and immunization records at the time of the registration appointment with the counselor?

You will have 30 days from your date of enrollment to provide the school nurse with a copy of your student's physical and immunization records. These must be completed by an Illinois physician and be on an Illinois State Health Form.

My student has already received a diploma from another country. Can we still enroll at Warren?

No, a student may only receive one diploma.