How to Enroll in Weatherford Independent School District

Parents/Guardians of students new to WISD should contact the registrar at the neighborhood school as soon as they are settled in Weatherford. To determine your elementary and/or middle school campus, please use the campus locator link our website.

Students who attended Weatherford schools in the prior year do not need to re-enroll. Secondary students will need to pick up schedules on schedule pick up days at the secondary campuses. More information about schedule pick up, dress codes, and supply lists can be found on the school web pages.

Students moving into the District from another district or state will need a copy of their last report card, immunization records, proof of residence (such as a utility bill) and Social Security card. Students new to our district may register at the campuses in August; pre-registration for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten is available in the spring and summer. A child must be age 5 by September 1 to enter kindergarten and age 6 to enter first grade.

Steps to Enroll a New Student:

Step 1—Determine the student's eligibility

Children age 5 by September 1 and not 21 years of age on the first day of school are eligible for enrollment. More information: Texas Compulsory Attendance Law.

Step 2—Identify and contact the school

You should register at the child's local school. To determine which local school serves your specific address, please use the "campus locator" tab on our homepage: <u>www.weatherfordisd.com</u>

Step 3—Fill out enrollment papers at the child's school.

Parents registering a child must provide proof of age, identity, residency in WISD, and immunizations. Students who have previously attended school should bring their latest report card, if available. Students receiving special education services should bring a copy of the student's current Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Examples of Acceptable Verification Documentation

The documents listed below are required to complete the enrollment process:

• Proof of Residency in Weatherford Independent School District

- Contract/lease agreement or most current utility bill (water, gas, or electric)
 Please note: If you are currently living with another person and the proof of residency is in that person's name, both you and that person will need to sign a notarized Affidavit of Residency form. This paperwork is available at each campus and at the Student Services office.
- Birth Certificate
- Immunizations (link this to Texas Immunization page)
- Social Security Card (if applicable)
- Recent Report Card
- If you are new to the Weatherford district, please include a copy of the child's previous school records

Identity of Person Enrolling Student and Relationship to Student

- Photo ID, Driver's license, or Passport
- Permanent resident card or naturalization papers
- If necessary: Court order, Separation or Divorce Decree, or parent's notarized affidavit *

*sworn notarized statement attesting to the relationship

Pre-Kindergarten Information

In Texas, public Pre-Kindergarten is a compensatory program. This special program is offered only to children "at risk" of not being successful in kindergarten, rather than a universal program offered to all four year old children.

Pre-K is offered at four Weatherford ISD elementary campuses—David Crockett Elementary, Bose Ikard Elementary, Juan Seguin Elementary, and Bill W. Wright Elementary. Bilingual Pre-K is offered at David Crockett Elementary, Bose Ikard Elementary, Juan Seguin Elementary, and Bill Wright Elementary Schools.

Qualifications for Pre-Kindergarten

To enroll in the Pre-K program, children and their parents must meet the following criteria:

1. Child must be four years old on or before September 1

2. Each Pre-K campus must serve its own attendance zone first and a proof of residence (current lease or utility bill) is required.

3. If the child is living with a guardian and/or has been removed from the home by Child Protective Services or other agency, there must be documentation for this.

4. The children/family must meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- The family meets the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program Income Eligibility Guidance (verification of income such as 1040 Form or W-2 form from the previous year is required), or

- The child must be enrolled in Head Start, or

- The child speaks a language other than English and is considered as Limited English Proficient through a state approved test administered by the testing center, or

- The family meets the criteria of "homeless" or

- The child's parent is active in the military.

Enrollment Requirements:

When a family goes to enroll the child at the Bowie Learning Center (formerly Bowie Elementary School) located at 900 N. Elm Street, the following will be required:

1. Proof of residence within the Weatherford ISD, such as a current utility bill or rental statement (must be the name of the parent/guardian enrolling the student) NOTE: A driver's license or identification card is not acceptable for proof of residence.

2. The child's birth certificate,

3. Immunization records (in Texas as student cannot attend without shot records),

4. Student's social security card or number,

5. Parent/Guardian must present identification (driver's license), and

6. Proof of income (if enrolling by that eligibility—such as a 1040 Form or a W-2 Form from the previous year)

All classes for four-year old students are organized on a first-come, first served basis. Parents/Guardians must provide transportation and there are no transfers in the Pre-K program.

To find out more about Pre-Kindergarten and to know which campus serves your residence, please call 817-598-2804 (Option 2) for assistance.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Round Up takes place in April at each elementary campus. Parents should bring the child's immunization records, proof of residence (such as a utility bill) and Social Security card to the campus that serves your residence (see campus locator on the website).

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3. Immunization records (in Texas as student cannot attend without shot records)

4. Student's social security card or number,

Parent/Guardian must present identification (driver's license). If you miss the Kindergarten Round Up day you may still register your student at the elementary campus until June 1 or after August 1.

To find out more about the registration or enrollment process, please contact the registrar's office of your neighborhood school.

Bilingual and Dual Language Programs

For more information about the bilingual and dual language programs, please contact Mr. Alejandro Mojica, Language Acquisition Coordinator, at 817-598-2804, ext. 3204.

Elementary campuses that maintain **bilingual programs** include: Ikard Elementary, Seguin Elementary, and Wright Elementary. All secondary campuses serve students in their English as a Second Language (ESL) programs.