

MISCELLANEOUS FAQ's

ENROLLMENT:

What document is acceptable if a birth certificate is not available?

- In lieu of a birth certificate you may provide: (1) A passport; (2) An attested transcript of the certificate of birth; (3) An attested transcript of the certificate of baptism or other religious record showing the date and place of birth; (4) An attested transcript of a hospital record showing the date and place of birth; (5) a birth affidavit [O.R.C. 3313.672].

What is the Kindergarten Age Requirement for Worthington Schools?

- Your child must turn *five (5) years old on or before August 21, 2026*, to be eligible to begin kindergarten for the **2026-2027** school year. The State of Ohio amended House Bill 114 which means under this new law, children must be five years old by the first day of the school in order to start kindergarten.

ENROLLING EXPELLED STUDENTS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS:

My child has been expelled from another school district. If we move to Worthington Schools, would my child be able to attend school?

- No. Worthington Schools honors all suspensions and expulsions from other school districts.

My child has been expelled from a Worthington School. Can we transfer to another Worthington School?

- No. Once a student is expelled from Worthington Schools, the expulsion applies to the entire district. Once the expulsion is fulfilled, the student must be re-enrolled back into Worthington Schools by completing the online registration process on our website.

ENROLLING STUDENTS LIVING OUTSIDE OF WORTHINGTON:

Do you accept students residing outside of Worthington Schools on a tuition basis?

- No. Worthington Schools does not accept tuition students. The custodial parent must reside within Worthington Schools address boundaries in order for their child(ren) to attend Worthington Schools.

ENROLLING STUDENTS LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.A.:

Does Worthington Schools process I-20's for students from other countries?

- Worthington Schools does not process I-20 forms for International Students. While some districts may process I-20's due to specific circumstances, such as partnerships with overseas companies, most districts in Central Ohio, including Worthington, have opted not to participate in the I-20 immigration program.

- If an international student requires an I-20 form (an official immigration document) to attend school in the U.S., we recommend exploring private schools. Many private schools are willing to process I-20's especially as tuition for international students, and is typically paid in full at the beginning of the entire academic year.

WHAT IS INTRA-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT?

I want my student to attend a different Worthington school next year. What should I do?

- To request a transfer to a different Worthington School, you must complete an **Intra-District Open Enrollment form**. This form is required for parents who wish to enroll their child in a different Worthington school other than their assigned school based on their address.

Open enrollment applications are available on our Worthington School's website, click the **Enrollment Center**, click **Useful Links**, then **click on Welcome Center Forms & Links**. Once completed, and submitted, the principal, and the Director will review the application, and a confirmation email will be sent from the Welcome Center to the parents once a decision is made.

All open enrollments for the **following school year** will begin in April and a decision will not be made until late June/July. A confirmation email will be sent to parents once a decision has been made. **Please see Intradistrict Open Enrollment Request with enrollment guidelines. School administrators have established criteria and procedures pertaining to intradistrict open enrollment.**

Does intra-district open enrollment mean Worthington Schools accepts students from surrounding districts?

- No. Worthington Schools does not participate in **"INTER-DISTRICT" OPEN ENROLLMENT**, which means students from outside the district are not eligible to apply for enrollment at Worthington Schools.

FAMILIES ATTENDING WORTHINGTON SCHOOLS BUT NOT LIVING IN DISTRICT:

A student is attending Worthington Schools and does not reside in the district. How do I report this?

- Contact the Welcome Center at (614) 450-6114 to report these incidents. We will make every effort to keep your call confidential and anonymous.

HOMESCHOOLING QUESTIONS:

I am interested in homeschooling my student(s). What is the procedure?

- Questions regarding homeschooling should be directed to the Academic Achievement and Leadership Department of Worthington Schools at 614.450.6015.

WHY DID I STOP RECEIVING EMAILS FROM WORTHINGTON SCHOOLS, AND HOW CAN I UPDATE MY EMAIL ADDRESS?

- You can update your email address through the *Worthington Portal* using your Worthington Schools issued logon and password. If you create a new email account, please remember to change your email in the Worthington Portal to ensure you receive important information concerning your student(s).

SHARED RESIDENCY ENROLLMENTS:

I have moved in with a friend/relative and do not have proof of residency. How can I enroll my child in school?

- We understand there are situations that may require a family to move in with another family/relative. If you are moving in with a family/friend who lives in the Worthington area, this is referred to as **Shared Residency**.

To enroll your child under Shared Residency, you must complete the **Verification of Residency Affidavit**, and your friend or relative must complete the **Affidavit-Shared Residency**. Both forms must be notarized. These forms are found under Enrollment Center, Enrollment Resource Center, and then Shared Residency Affidavits.

The homeowner or renter will need to provide:

- A valid photo ID
- Three current proofs of residency (e.g., a mortgage statement or signed lease, and two current utility bills.)

As a secondary resident, you will need to provide:

- A valid photo ID
- Three proofs of residency. One proof is required immediately, while the other two may be submitted within 30 days.

Note: If you do not have utility bills in your name, acceptable proofs of residency include: a recent pay stub, car insurance, bank statement, U.S. Postal Service address change confirmation or credit card bill, etc.

WE HAVE MOVED. NOW WHAT?

We've moved. How do I change my address?

- Families are not able to change their U.S. Postal address in our computer system directly. If you've moved **within** our school district, please fill out the Change of Address form located on our website under **Enrollment Center, Useful Links** and then under **Welcome Center Forms & Links**.

You can submit the completed form in one of two ways:

1. Drop it off at the Welcome Center, located at 200 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH 43085. Please bring your new lease or mortgage statement, a current utility and a valid ID.
2. Email all required documents to welcomecenter@wscloud.org. Once submitted, your address will be updated.

If you are moving out of the district:

- Please notify your child(ren)'s school of the last day they will be attending. Additionally, provide the new address where your family will be residing and the name of the new school your child(ren) will be attending.

We've moved. How do I change my child's transportation?

- After you update your address as outlined above, please allow us 24-48 hours for us to arrange new transportation services for your child. You can access Bus and Route information through the Transportation link, <https://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/departments/transportation>, or feel free to contact Transportation directly at 614-450-6600 for assistance.