



GAINESVILLE
CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Choice Enrollment Dates, Pre-K, and Kindergarten Registration for 2026-2027

Gainesville, GA – January 9, 2026 – Gainesville School District is pleased to offer programs of choice in grades K-8. Students are assigned to schools based on their residential addresses, but may apply to attend other Gainesville City School District schools as a part of the district’s school choice program

The Gainesville City School Board of Education reserves the right to establish enrollment limits in all grades, classes, and/or programs. Therefore, there must be space available within the established cap amount for each grade level for the selected choice to be honored. Priority for classroom space will be provided to all City of Gainesville resident students first.

Pre-K Lottery Sign Up and Lottery Drawing for City Residents

Please sign up for the Pre-K Lottery **February 2 - February 13, 2026** at the **GCSS School Board Downtown Office located at 332 Washington Street Gainesville, GA**. The lottery drawing for all Pre-K slots will take place on **Tuesday, February 17th**. Parents will be notified by the school if their child is selected, and will be given instructions on getting their child enrolled into Pre-K.

Newly Enrolling Students, including Kindergarten

Newly enrolling for **the first time** in GCSS (including Kindergarten) should register online **January 12 - 23, 2026**. To participate in Choice Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, your online registration must be completed and received by **January 23, 2026**. Any choice enrollment requests **after January 23, 2026** will be based on enrollment, and must be approved.

To begin, go to www.gcssk12.net. Click the **Student Registration and Enrollment Tab** and select the **New Student Registration link**.

Parents should upload the following documents into the GCSS online application: birth certificate, immunization form #3231, ears, eyes and dental certificate #3300, social security card (if available), school transcripts/records (non-kindergarten), and 2 proofs of residency documents which include one of the following: current lease/mortgage/purchase agreement, current warranty or quit claim deed, current paycheck stub/IRS Form 1099, current homeowner’s insurance policy **AND** a copy of a current (within 30 days) utility (gas, water, electric, cable/internet bill with service address), and photo ID of parent/guardian.

Please note that transportation will not be provided outside of your school attendance zone. If you are approved for choice enrollment outside of your school attendance zone, you will have to provide transportation to and from school. To verify your school attendance zone, you may go to the following link: [School Attendance Zone Verification](#)

Currently Enrolled City Residents in Grades PK-7

Choice Enrollment forms will go home with **currently enrolled pre-kindergarten through 7th grade** students on Tuesday, **January 12, 2026**. Information about your child's assigned cluster will be printed on the letter. Parents should complete and return choice enrollment forms to the schools by **Friday, January 23, 2026**.

Currently Enrolled Non-Residents

Individuals wishing to **continue** enrollment in Gainesville City Schools as a **Non-Resident student** must complete the Non-Resident Application at individual schools. **The school will send home a Non-Resident Tuition/Contract of Agreement to each currently enrolled non-resident on February 2, 2026. Forms must be returned by February 13, 2026.**

Newly Enrolling Non-Residents

Newly enrolling non-residents for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year should complete the Non-Resident Tuition/Contract of Agreement in person at the Gainesville City School Board Downtown Office located at **332 Washington Street, Gainesville, GA, February 2 – May 15, 2026**. Your non-resident Tuition/Contract of Agreement must be approved **prior** to starting the online registration. No action will be taken on your online registration until your Non-Resident Tuition/Contract of Agreement is approved.

Parents should attach the following documents to the Non-Resident Tuition/Contract of Agreement: School transcript for high school aged students, current report card for elementary or middle school aged students, Attendance and Behavior Records. **Acceptance or denial letters will be mailed beginning March 3, 2026.**

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