



## **2026-27 Annual Student Enrollment FAQ**

Enrollment will tentatively begin the week of July 6 (check [www.usd497.org](http://www.usd497.org) for updates in early July).

### **Why is LPS changing when enrollment happens?**

Lawrence Public Schools is moving annual student enrollment from April–May to July. A lot can change between May and August: new address, new phone number, updated emergency contacts. Enrolling in July means the information on file for your child is updated and accurate for the beginning of the school year.

### **What does this change actually mean for my family?**

The process itself stays the same; families will complete the same annual enrollment steps as in previous years. The only difference is “when” you do it. Instead of enrolling in the spring, families will complete enrollment in July before the school year begins in August.

### **Does this affect course selection?**

No. Course selection for middle and high school students will continue to happen in the spring, as it always has. Enrollment and course selection are two separate steps; this change only affects enrollment timing.

### **Will I still complete the same forms?**

Yes. We're working to bring all required annual forms together into one enrollment window, including:

- Student enrollment
- Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application
- Annual-Usage Policy
- Consent for student surveys

Rather than completing forms across multiple timelines and platforms, families will be able to take care of everything in one place.

### **What if I have questions or need help during enrollment?**

School office staff will be available during the July enrollment window to assist families. More details about support resources and how to reach your school will be shared ahead of the enrollment window opening.

### **English is not my first language. Where can I go to get support while completing my student(s) Enrollment forms?**

The Lawrence Public Schools Enrollment Center has translation services available to support families. The Enrollment Center is located at 110 McDonald Drive, and it is open Monday–Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the summer months.

### **When will I hear more about this?**

Specific dates and instructions will be shared before the July enrollment window opens. Keep an eye out for communication through ParentSquare, and check for updates at: [www.usd497.org](http://www.usd497.org)