



PUTTING A CHILD IN SCHOOL

In the United States, children may start school if they are at least five years old on September 1 of the school year. U.S. law requires that all children attend school until age 18. Which school your child will attend depends on how old he/she is and where you live. Each city has a school district. Each school district has many schools which basically fall into four categories: elementary school (age 5-10), middle school (age 11-12), junior high (ages 13-15), and high school (age 15-18). You may call the school district office or ask your neighbors to find out which school your children will attend. Each district has different requirements:

BRYAN SCHOOLS -- District Office, 101 N. Texas Ave. (361-5200).

- * Telephone the school district office. Find out which school your child will attend.
- * Take the child and the following documents to the school your child will attend: **a birth certificate or passport** (to show the child's birth date), **any school records from your child's previous school** (to help the school be sure to put the child in the correct classes), and **a copy of the child's immunization records** (all children in the U.S. are required to have certain shots before attending school to prevent children from giving each other sicknesses). The immunization record must show proof that your child has had shots for polio, measles, mumps/rubella, DPT, and any children from Mexico, must show a TB test. A place to get these shots is listed at the bottom of the page.
- * Fill out a **home language survey** and an **information sheet** in the school office when you turn in the documents listed in step 2. To do this, you will need to know home and work addresses and telephone numbers, as well as other information the school would like to have for the child's file.

COLLEGE STATION SCHOOLS -- District Office, 1812 Welsh St. (764-5400).

- * Go to the School District Administration Offices at 1812 Welsh St. You will need to take your child's **passport and any immigration papers he/she has, including the I-94 card**. An official office will check these documents to "pre-clear" your child for entry into school. Ask the official what school your child will attend.
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* Fill out any forms the school requires with both your work and home addresses and telephone numbers.

Immunization Clinics: Brazos Co. Health Dept., 201 North Texas Ave., Bryan, (361-4440). Open on Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. On Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and at the Lincoln Center, 1000 Eleanor, College Station, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday; cost is \$0 - \$12.00.