Frequently Asked Questions- Enrollment & Transportation

1. When can I enroll my child for next fall?
   Enrollment opens up on April 17, 2023.

2. How do I enroll my child?
   Enrollment for new families is completed online starting April 17. The links for new families and current Walla Walla Public Schools families can be found here.

3. How old does my child need to be to start kindergarten?
   Students must turn five no later than August 31 to be enrolled in kindergarten. If your child misses the age cut-off for kindergarten, you may want to consider our new Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program. Learn more about Transitional Kindergarten here.

4. Where can I get more information about kindergarten?
   You can visit the Walla Walla Public Schools Kindergarten Information page here.

5. Are there programs for younger students?
   Yes, students who are 4 years old by August 31 may be eligible to participate in our new Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program. 3 and 4 year olds can also apply to our Head Start and ECEAP preschool options. Learn more about the early learning programs and how to register here.

6. Do I need to enroll with Walla Walla Public Schools for preschool?
   Your first step is to apply for a preschool slot through Walla Walla Center for Children & Families here. You will be instructed if and how to enroll with WWPS once you are accepted in one of the preschool programs.

7. What is open enrollment? When do schools start accepting open enrollment requests?
   Open Enrollment is an opportunity to attend a school outside of the attendance area where you live. When you register online you will select the school you would like to attend and someone from the school will follow up with a call. Open enrollment requests will be prioritized starting April 17.

   If you live outside of the WWPS district, you will need to complete a Choice Transfer in addition to the registration packet. Click here for the Choice Transfer form.

8. How do I enroll if I don't know what my neighborhood school is?
   If you are not sure what school your child will be attending in the fall, you can look at the boundary map here to determine your neighborhood school.

9. What information is needed to enroll my child? What if I am missing something?
   You will need to gather documents that show proof of your child's name and age, proof of residency, and immunization records. For examples of what these documents can be, click here. If you are missing any of these documents, you will still be able to register your child online but you will need to work with your school to fulfill the registration requirements.

10. How do I know if my child is eligible for transportation? How do I request transportation?

All students living outside a one-mile walking distance or more from their school may qualify to ride a school bus. You can fill out a bus request form here if you are interested in transportation services. If your child qualifies, your school secretary will notify you of your bus information prior to the start of school. You can go here to learn more about transportation.