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EL Family Toolkit Purpose

- English learner (EL) achievement, educational excellence, and access to highquality education
- Educational services
- Questions EL families may have about public schools



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Development Process

- Advocacy groups
- EL families and educator focus groups
- High school EL focus groups
- National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition (NCELA)



Topics Addressed in the Toolkit

- 1. Enrolling Your Child in School
- 2. Attending Schools in the United States
- 3. Obtaining Services for English Learners
- 4. Finding Additional Services for Your Child
- 5. Keeping Your Child Safe and Healthy in School
- 6. Helping Your Child with Schoolwork at Home



Information Provided for Each Topic

Five Sections

- General Information
- Family and Student Rights and School Responsibilities
- Questions to Ask School Staff
- Tips
- Resources (all available free online)



Questions to Ask School Staff About Enrolling Children in School-Topic 1

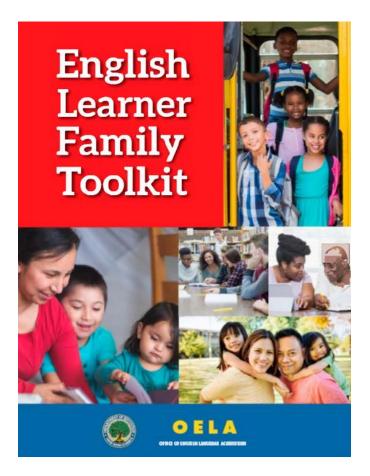
- Who can help me enroll my child in school?
- Will my child's siblings enroll in this school?
- What documents must I bring to school or the district office to enroll my child?
- How does my child get to school?
- Does the school have before- and after-school day care for my child?

Questions to Ask School Staff About Attending School in the United States-Topic 2

- Who do I call to find out which school my child will attend?
- Who do I ask to have an interpreter when I go to the school?
- How old does my child have to be to start preschool or kindergarten in the United States?
- Does the school require a uniform? What if I cannot afford to buy the uniform?
- What does my child do for lunch? Do I pay for the lunch?
- What will happen if my child has to miss school?

EL Family Toolkit and OELA Website

- English Learner Family Toolkit: https://ncela.ed.gov/family-toolkit
- Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) website: <u>https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/</u><u>oela/index.html?src=oc</u>



Engaging with OELA and ED

- Nexus Newsletter: <u>https://www.ncela.ed.gov/ncela-nexus</u>
- NCELA: <u>https://www.ncela.ed.gov</u>
- OELA on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ED.OELA</u>
- NCELA on Twitter: https://twitter.com/ASKNCELA1
- OESE/OSS with EL resources (including OELA & NCELA):

https://bit.ly/2GO0x5T

Q & A



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Thank you for joining us!





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