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STATEN ISLAND: Enrollment Information for Immigrant Students in Temporary Housing



HOW CAN I ENROLL MY CHILD IN SCHOOL?

Go to the [Family Welcome Center](#). Family Welcome Centers help families with enrollment all year round. If you don't know which district your shelter is in, call 311 or look it up at: <https://schoolsearch.schools.nyc/>.

WHERE IS THE FAMILY WELCOME CENTERS?



Staten Island Welcome Center

Petrides Family Welcome Center
715 Ocean Terrace, Building A
Phone: 718-420-5654
Email: PetridesFWC@schools.nyc.gov

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS HELP LEARNING ENGLISH?



If your child needs help learning English, ***you can choose from the programs below:***

- [Dual Language](#) (the teacher speaks Spanish and English equally),
- [Transitional Bilingual Education](#) (the teacher speaks Spanish and English but as your child's English improves, the teacher speaks less Spanish), or
- [English as a New Language \(ENL\)](#) (the teacher speaks English only and is the most common program, available in all schools.)

If the school your child is enrolling in does not have the program you want, you have the right to request a transfer to a different school that offers it. You also have a right to [free translation and interpretation](#) services from your child's school and at the Family Welcome Center. You can access these services by calling (718) 935-2013 or emailing Hello@schools.nyc.gov

WHO CAN HELP?

Your child should be enrolled in school the same day you try to enroll, even if you don't have the documents normally needed. If there is a delay or if you have a question about language supports, contact: [Students in Temporary Housing Regional Managers:](#)

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