#### **Guide to School Enrollment in the U.S.**

#### 1. Understand the Education Levels in the U.S.:

Education in the United States is divided into the following levels:

- **Preschool (Ages 3–5):** Optional
- Elementary School (Grades K-5): Required
- Middle School (Grades 6–8): Required
- **High School (Grades 9–12):** Required
- **School Attendance:** Children between the ages of **5 and 18** (varies by state) are required to attend school.

#### 2. Find Your Local School:

• Visit your **local school district's website** or contact the district office to confirm which school is assigned to your child based on your home address.

## 3. Complete Enrollment Forms:

- Forms can be completed online through the district's website or obtained in person at the district office.
- Ensure all sections are filled out accurately.
- Attached Required Documents: including Proof of Residency: Such as a lease agreement, utility bill, or any official mail showing your current address, Child's Birth Certificate and Immunization Records (from USA)
- Check with the school district for any additional requirements, as each district may have specific guidelines.

# Guide to ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes in the U.S.

ESL classes are available for both **adults** and **children** who need to learn or improve their English language skills. These programs are designed for:

- Immigrants and refugees
- Non-native English speakers
- Individuals who want to improve their communication skills for work or education

## **How to Find an ESL Program:**

# 1. Search for Local ESL Programs:

- Look for available ESL classes in your area through community colleges, adult education centers, or non-profit organizations.
- For example, if you are searching for programs in your city, such as Alameda, you can search for "Alameda Community College ESL" on Google. This will direct you to their website, which may offer an enrollment guide, such as "How to Enroll in ESL Alameda Adult School."

# 2. Explore Local Listings:

 Once on the website, navigate to sections like "ESL" or "Enrollment" to find information about class schedules and registration

#### **How to Enroll in ESL Classes:**

#### 1. **Register:**

- o Many ESL programs offer both **online** and **in-person** registration options.
- Be sure to gather any necessary documents required for enrollment, such as proof of residency (e.g., utility bill or lease agreement) and identification (e.g., passport, driver's license).
- o Follow the instructions on the website to begin the application process.

#### 2. Assessment:

- Some ESL programs require an assessment test to evaluate your current English proficiency.
- o This helps determine the most suitable class or language level for you. The assessment may be written or oral, depending on the program.