

Frequently Ask Questions



1 How do I apply for my child for admission to a public school?

- Schools determine placement by exercising and applying their own admission policy which should be aligned to the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act 84 of 1996). The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) cannot guarantee placement at schools of choice.
- Apply early. Don't wait until the last day.
- Parents should apply to a minimum of three schools, including the school closest to their residence.

2 What is the admission age for Grade R and 1?

- Compulsory school-going age (Grade 1) is seven years in the year that the child is in Grade 1.
- Admission age to Grade R is six years in the year that the child is in Grade R.

3 What documents are required to register a child at a public school? Certified copies of the following documents are required:

	Identification (any of the following)		Copy of immunisation card / Road to Health chart (primary schools only)
Certified copy of identity document (ID) / birth certificate (learner)	Foreign learners: a passport / a copy of parent's refugee or asylum seeker permit on which the learner's name should appear		Latest official school / academic report of learner
If the learner of foreign parents was born in South Africa (SA): a handwritten birth certificate (DHA 19 form). If the learner was not born in SA: a passport/a refugee or asylum seeker permit issued in the learner's name.		Proof of residence e.g. rates account / lease agreement / an affidavit made at a police station confirming residence	

If supporting documents are UNAVAILABLE/MISSING: **an affidavit** from the South African Police Service **must be included with the application.**

4 Can a child be refused permission if they do not live in a school's feeder zone?

The WCED has not declared any feeder zones/areas.

5 Can schools charge a registration fee before accepting learner?

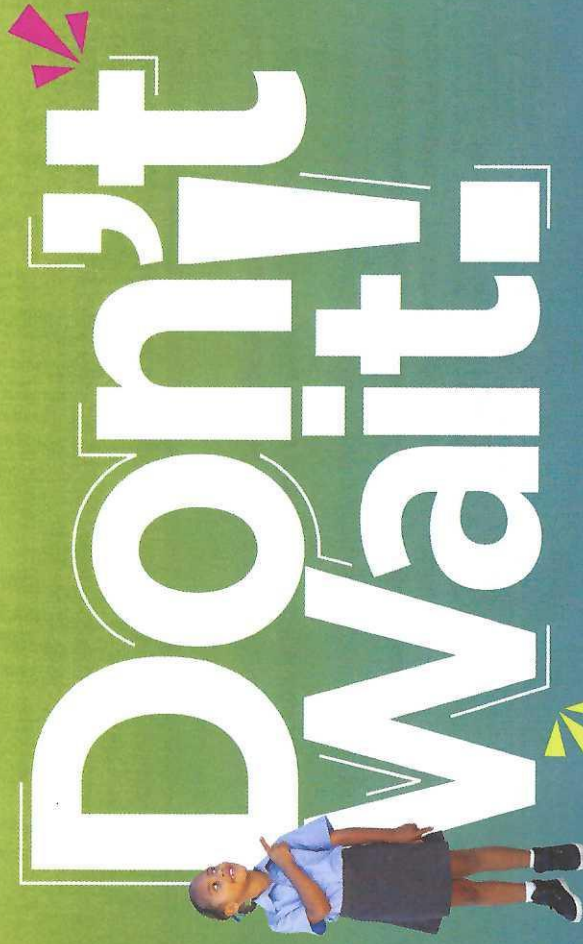
No. Schools may not charge a fee before accepting a learner.

6 How do parents apply?

Apply online. Visit westerncape.gov.za/education.



Please note ALL queries regarding your child's enrolment must be done via the online admission system.



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Get ready for the 2026 school year.

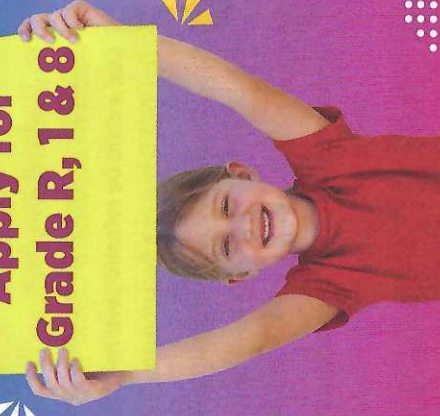
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Apply for Grade R, 1 & 8



Transfers Grade 2-7 & Grade 9-12: 4 - 18 August 2025