

Kindergarten Registration

If your child is 5 (or almost 5), it is time to sign up for Kindergarten!

Kindergarten is an important learning experience for young children. Those who start kindergarten on the first day of school do better. They get comfortable and make friends. They are prepared and the school is prepared for them, too. Families are encouraged to enroll their eligible children for Kindergarten.

Here are some general guidelines, but remember, every school district is different and you will need to contact your local district for specific information.

Age Requirements:

Incoming Kindergarten students must be five (5) years of age and incoming first grade students must be six (6) years of age by .

Immunization Requirements:

Children entering school for the first time are required to have a physical exam, dental exam, health history and record of immunizations. The School Nurse will provide parents/guardians of new students with these forms to be completed prior to the start of Kindergarten. Copies of these forms are included below.

The following immunizations are required for all students entering school for the first time. Documentation from a health care provider is required:

- Diphtheria/Tetanus (DTP, DT or DTaP): At least four properly spaced doses are required. The last dose must be on or after the child's fourth birthday.
- Polio (OPV or IPV): At least three properly spaced doses are required.
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): Two doses are required. The first does must have been given on or after the child's first birthday.
- Hepatitis B: Three properly spaced doses are required. The third dose must have been given on or after six months of age.
- Chicken Pox (Varicella): Two doses are required. The first dose must have been given on or after the first birthday. Signed documentation, including the month and year that your child had the chickenpox disease, is also acceptable at this time.

Exemption from Immunization

(a) Medical exemption. Children need not be immunized if a physician or the physician's designee provides a written statement that immunization may be detrimental to the health of the child. When the physician determines that immunization is no longer detrimental to the health of the child, the child shall be immunized according to this subchapter.

(b) Religious exemption. Children need not be immunized if the parent, guardian or emancipated child objects in writing to the immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief.

Proof of child's age: One of the following is required.

- Child's original birth certificate

- Notarized copy of the child’s birth certificate
- Child’s valid passport
- Original baptismal certificate indicating the child’s date of birth Copy of the record of baptism

Parent or Legal Guardian Verification: One of the following is required to establish residency.

These documents could include:

- A Pennsylvania Driver's License
- A Pennsylvania Vehicle Registration
- A Pennsylvania Voter Registration Card

Parents or legal guardians who are in the process of moving into the district should bring a copy of a Purchase or Rental Agreement, or a rental receipt that verifies intent to establish residency in the district.

Proof of Address: Acceptable documentation include

Deed	Valid DOT identification card
Mortgage settlement sheet	Current credit card bill
Current utility bill (gas, electric, cable, telephone)	Recent vehicle registration
Recent property tax bill	Voter Registration Card showing current address
Valid driver’s license or change of address card with your current address	Recent bank statement with current address
Letter from Social Security Office with current address	IRS Statement or other wage and tax statements e.g., W2, 1040, 1099
Letter from Public Assistance Office with current address	Recent Employer Pay Stub showing current address
Foster care/childcare and DHS letters are acceptable for registration when a student is in the care of a foster/child care agency	Shelter placement or residency letters are acceptable for homeless students
Original lease with name(s) of parents/legal guardians and children	Signed property sales agreement, followed by original copy of settlement papers within 45 calendar days of settlement

Start now with these four easy steps:

1. Visit your local school district’s website for a list of birthdate requirements and registration information.
2. Gather your paperwork. Include the original and a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport, his/her immunization record and two proofs of residence.
3. Make an appointment to visit your child's future school.