

Important Information About Registering Your Child For Kindergarten

STARTING KINDERGARTEN IS A BIG MILESTONE FOR BOTH YOU AND YOUR CHILD. PLEASE READ OVER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO HELP MAKE THIS TRANSITION A SUCCESSFUL ONE.

Children, who are 5 by August 31st of the upcoming school year, are eligible to start kindergarten. Schools hold open houses at different times in spring for children and families who will start school in the fall. This open house may be held in March, April or May and is typically only held once a year. This is a great time to meet teachers and learn about the expectations. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Call or visit the school website today!

IMPORTANT - Please call your child's school now to find out the date of the kindergarten open house. At the open house, you can complete the registration/enrollment packet or take it home with you to complete at a later date. Please note the following requirements for school registration (none are required to attend open house):

1. You will need to provide the school with a certified copy of your child's birth certificate.
2. Your child's immunizations must be up-to-date prior to the start of the school year. Your child should have the following immunizations: 5 DTaP, 4 OPV/IPV, 3 Hep B, 2 MMR and 2 Varicella (or Health Provider Verification of Disease). For immunization resource information, please contact the local county health department or <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization>
3. Proof of your address is not required by every district so please inquire with the school. If you wish to be prepared, the following documents can be used as proof of address:
 - Current utility bill showing your physical street address
 - Washington State driver license or identification (ID) card
 - Rent or mortgage receipt
 - If you live with someone else, have them sign a statement saying you live with them and send proof with their name
 - Current school registration
4. If your child has any special medical and/or educational needs, please provide the school with those records.

**NOT SURE WHAT SCHOOL OR DISTRICT YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND?
PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS.**

You will receive additional information at the kindergarten open house. Before school starts, please spend time talking with your child about what to expect in kindergarten to help your child plan for the transition. Help your child identify friends who will also be starting kindergarten by spending time on the playground over the summer with some of those children. Reading books together, asking open-ended questions, and talking with them about riding the bus will also help prepare them for the transition.

For more information about how you can support your child, please visit selfwa.org and download a copy of a kindergarten readiness brochure and the Kindergarten Transition Summary Form. You can complete the form as a way to share important information about your child and turn it in with your kindergarten registration packet.